



RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMC

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 16, 2023

PRELUDE

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

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, you are our life, our hope, our strength. Grant that we who have not seen may have the faith to trust in you through all things, that we might receive the peace of Christ; 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: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting in God's gracious word of forgiveness. Our merciful father, who brings life out of death and transforms us into new creatures through his redeeming word, knows the depths of our hearts. Let us make a confession of our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior,

C: We come to you in sorrow for our faults and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. Although in Christ our light has come, we too often prefer the darkness of sin. Forgive us,

fill us with your Spirit and free us from the shackles of our failings. Give us once again the joy of your salvation and make us instruments of peace and love in the world. Amen.

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glorious mercy of the Lord shines around you. In the name and by the authority of your Savior, Jesus Christ, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins. May the Holy Spirit strengthen your faith, heal your troubled spirit, and equip you to proclaim the greatness of the Lord until the day he comes again.

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 in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is marked 'S, A' and the second staff is marked 'div.'. The third staff is marked 'div.' and 'unis.'. The fourth staff is marked 'div.'. 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.'

S, A

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 5:29-42

Peter and the other apostles get themselves into trouble by preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in the temple. Peter appeals to the authority of God over any human authority as he continues to proclaim the story of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sin.

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148

The psalmist sings God's praises as he recounts all the wonders of the world that the Lord has spoken into being. Israel has a cherished place in the heart of the Creator; his people are close to him.

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 Peter 1:3-9

Peter explains to both Jewish and Gentile Christians that it is Christ's resurrection that is the source of our hope. Because of Jesus' atoning sacrifice, believers have been promised an inheritance that is kept in heaven for them.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le. hal - le. 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 9th 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." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So 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." ²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vss. 1-4).....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 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
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing.....RECLAIM No. 58

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. Julie Smith

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Jim Lambert

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Don Peterson

Greeters: Jim Lambert and Carolyn Rewitzer

Communion Set Up: Ron and Susan Brooks

Communion Assistants: Pat and Karen McGregor

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	April 16	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	April 17	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	April 19	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	April 20	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	April 23	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
		6:00pm	Garms Family Concert

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.

We welcome **Rev. Julie Smith** to Resurrection Lutheran Church to lead worship this morning. Julie serves as Coordinator for Districts and Fellowship Groups on the national staff of LCMC. Pastor Aaron will be returning from vacation this afternoon.

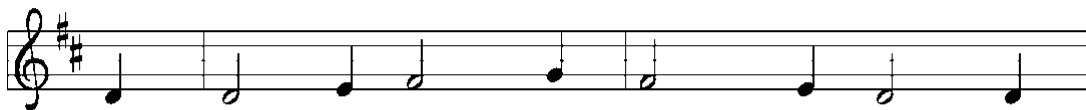
Musicorum, Mankato's premier chamber choir, will perform their Spring concert "*The Many Roads Home*" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00pm. General admission tickets are \$15.

Local non-profit **Mankato Zero Waste** will be collecting styrofoam at the Mankato Public Works building on Saturday, April 22nd 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.

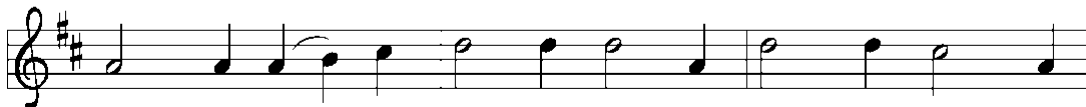
Beginning Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30pm Pastor Aaron will begin leading a **9-week Bible study** through the book of Daniel. This study takes us through Daniel as he began as a captive in Babylon. Despite pressures to join the religion and immoral lifestyle of Babylon, we see how Daniel lived a life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

The Garms Family singers will be here at Resurrection Lutheran Church next Sunday, April 23 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. Invite a friend and join us!

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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