

Resurrection Lutheran Church

New Life in the Living Word + For Now + Forever

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | Sunday, April 24, 2022

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes hope. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: The grave is empty. Jesus lives! I will not die, but instead will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

C: "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

P: Lord Jesus, Risen Savior: you have changed sadness into joy. You have taken away all sorrow and replaced it with your peace.

P: I will not be silent! I will sing praise and give thanks to my God forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: In the Garden.....RECLAIM No. 160

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.

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 GLORY

These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.



1. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cry we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a-midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Living God, in the midst of our doubts and fears you bring your peace and presence through the wounded hands of Christ. Breathe on us the power of your Spirit, increase our faith, and quell our doubts and fears; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-20 (ESV)

Peter and the other apostles went out healing and performing miracles in the name of Christ, and many were hearing about the amazing things being accomplished. The temple leaders arrested the apostles and threw them in prison, but an angel freed them during the night.

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 148 (ESV)

The psalmist sings of the whole earth and heaven praising the name of the Lord. Every person, every animal, even every inanimate object shall praise the Lord!

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.

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SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV)

John wrote to the seven churches in Asia, saying that the one who loves and forgives us is the one who has made us into a kingdom. We are priests forever in service to the King. One day the King will return with the clouds, and there will be no doubt of his identity.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on

me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1. O_ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis- dom from on
high, O_ Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O
Light of _ our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - diance that
from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31 (ESV)

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." 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.”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: What Comes Next?

HYMN OF THE DAY: Because He Lives.....RECLAIM No. 204

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and continues with various intervals. The lyrics "1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;" are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics "All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee." are written below the second staff.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word of God, we respond with these words. By confessing one of the Church's most ancient and historic creeds, we express our unity in the faith; the same faith the universal body of Christ has confessed throughout countless generations of believers.

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: Allelulia! Sing to Jesus (vss. 1-4).....RECLAIM No. 154

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Please sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew before worship or during announcements.

The **Bethany Lutheran College** Concert Band and Orchestras proudly come together for one final concert to conclude a successful year of music on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30pm in Trinity Chapel.

Thomas Fu's **senior recital** will be held Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm at Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College.

Resurrection Lutheran's **National Day of Prayer worship service** will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at noon. Please join us as we sing hymns and offer petitions for our American families, churches, businesses, educators, military members, government officials and media. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Those who wish to may take an **Easter lily or hydrangea** with them this morning after worship. Thank-you to those who contributed monetary donations toward these beautiful altar flowers to adorn our altar this Easter season.

Women's Bible Study will not begin again this coming Wednesday as originally published. Please join us next Wednesday, May 4th.

New Adult Bible Study: Over the summer months *See Through the Scriptures* (written by Dr. Harry Wendt) will lead us through the Bible's overarching story. Key themes of Scripture are stressed throughout the study, all pointing to the central message of Jesus - how he was at work then, and how he is at work in our present lives! Classes will meet every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room, beginning Wednesday, May 4th.

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	Apr. 24	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Apr. 25	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	Apr. 27	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
Thursday	Apr. 28	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	May 1	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship