



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 9, 2023

10:30 Holy Communion

Death is the end. Dead people stay dead. That's just the way things are. Or are they? The resurrection of our Lord is more than just a story about Jesus who didn't stay dead. It is a show of God's power over that which we have no power. God promises to use that same power with us, meaning that death is not the end at all. In fact, perhaps just the beginning of really being alive. May we live in joy-filled delight as we await the promises of God which will bring us this true life forever!

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

† GATHERING †

Prelude

Gathering Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
(For music turn to Hymn 367 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
2. **Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
3. **Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
4. **Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623. Text copyright 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Gathering Dialog

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen,
C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: The grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: People of God, why are you here?

C: We have come to give thanks to God.

**We do not go to church,
we are the church.**

Hymn of Praise I Am the Resurrection and the Life

(For music turn to Hymn 16 in the Songbook binder)

Chorus

**I am the resurrection and the life
all who believe in Me will never die
I am the resurrection and the life
all who believe in Me will live a new life.**

1. **I have come to bring the truth**

**I have come to bring you life
if you believe then you shall live.**

Chorus

2. **In My word all men will come to know**

**it is love which makes the spirit grow
if you believe then you shall live.**

Chorus

3. **Keep in mind the things that I have said**

**remember Me in the breaking of the bread
if you believe then you shall live.**

Chorus

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Announcements

† WORD †

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

B: ³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 118:1-2, 14-25 (*read responsively*)

D: Give thanks, the Lord is good,
God’s love is for ever!

**C: Now let all God’s people say,
“God’s love is forever!”**

D: My strength, my song is the Lord,
who has become my savior.

**C: Glad songs of victory sound
within the tents of the just.**

D: With right hand raised high,
the Lord strikes with force.

**C: I shall not die but live
to tell the Lord’s great deeds.**

D: The Lord punished me severely,
but did not let me die.

**C: Open the gates of justice,
let me praise God within them.**

D: This is the Lord’s own gate,
only the just will enter.

C: I thank you for you answered me,

and you became my savior.

D: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

**C: This is the word of the Lord,
how wonderful in our eyes.**

D: This is the day the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad.

**C: Lord, give us the victory!
Lord, grant us success!**

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

E: So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (1 Corinthians 5:7,8)

**C: Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 28:1-10

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do

not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Jesus Christ is Risen Today
(For music, please see Hymn 365 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
3. **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts 1-3, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4 tr. Lyra Davidica sts. 1-3; Music: Lyra Davidica

Nicene Creed

P: Let us confirm our faith with the Nicene Creed

**C: 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,
was incarnate of the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Reflection on the Scripture

“I Praise You for What Is Yet to Be” from *Guerillas of Grace* by Ted Loder

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: We share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

† MEAL †

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord
For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Generous God,
**C: in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen one.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has embodied the promise of eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

(Isaiah 6:3, spoken)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we are thankful that you have reunited us with you at the table of life. Keep us always as your children and walk with us day by day in every day of our lives.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
Alleluia

Communion Distribution

Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:

Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)

1 All Are Welcome (Songbook Binder)

67 How Great Is Our God (Songbook Binder)

Communion Blessing *After all have communed the pastor will say:*

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray: Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING ‡

Blessing

P: The God of all,
who raised Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
(For music turn to Hymn 364 in the Red Hymnal)

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.

**For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

Refrain **Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**2. For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show.** *Refrain*

**3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the grave-clothes are lying there."** *Refrain*

**4. "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."** *Refrain*

**5. Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.** *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922. Music: Tanzanian traditional

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Creed White
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistant	Rob Stroup
Counters	Bill and Katy Stimmel

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 16, 2023

Greeters and Ushers	Gary Wood
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistant	Adele Garvey
Counters	Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour	

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Easter Flowers

Ann King	In memory of parents
The Boisseaus	In memory of loved ones
The Sacketts	In honor of Linn Griffio
The Wymans	In memory of Don and Ellen Curtis
Adele Garvey	In memory of parents
Christine Campbell	In memory of Zack Johnson
The Deiblers	In honor of St. John's musicians
Linda Flood	In memory of loved ones
Burdie Gillern	In memory of Bill Gillern and Maggie Bitterman
Linn Griffio	In honor of Kelsey & Morgan Sackett, in honor of Kendall Bellapianta
Jan Lockwood	In memory of loved ones
Nancy Shuler	In memory of Ivan Shuler
The Spawtons	In memory of loved ones
Julie Stuart	In memory of Judy Sax
The Urbanics	In memory of parents
Gary Wood	In honor of family

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