



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 16, 2017

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.

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Prelude

Gathering Hymn 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

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

P: Let us pray...

(The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:)

C: Amen.

Announcements

† WORD †

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

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)

A: 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!”**

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

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

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

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

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

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

A: 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.**

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

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

A: 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

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 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks
(For music, please see Hymn 671 in the Blue Hymnal)

**Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.**

1. **Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation. Refrain**
2. **Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain**
3. **We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever. Refrain**
4. **God has proclaimed the just reward:
life for all people, alleluia. Refrain**
5. **Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain**

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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.**

Prayer of the Church

“Keep Me in Touch with My Dreams” 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 †

Offering & Anthem In the Bulb There Is a Flower by Natalie Sleeth

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

A: Let us pray:

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and 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. Never let us slip from your

love. 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. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. 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)*

80 *Given and Shed (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

A: Let us pray: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Better Is One Day
(For music turn to Hymn 83 in the Songbook binder)

**1. How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings**

Chorus 1

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere**

**2. One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells**

Chorus 1

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere**

Misc 1 (BRIDGE)

**My heart and flesh cry out for You
The living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You**

Misc 2 (ENDING)

**Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere
Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere**

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Dismissal

**A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Phyllis and Dick Henderson
Acolyte	Benjamin Deibler
Altar Care	Joy Lethbridge and Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Paul and Babette Huber
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 23, 2017

Greeters and Ushers	Rob and Laura Stroup
Acolyte	Scott Wilmot
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Ethan and Alyssa Minkel
Coffee Hour	Shuler Family

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Easter Flowers

The DeMuzios	In honor of grandparents
The Bairs	In memory of our parents
Linda Flood	In memory of loved ones
The Mansfields	In memory of Avis Gysel
The Minkels	In memory of Ron Minkel
The Sacketts	In memory of loved ones
Linn Griffio	In memory of loved ones
The Urbanics	In memory of our parents
Perdan/Schroeder	In honor of Pastor Jon
The Lethbridges	In memory of our parents and Karen
The Spawtons	In memory of loved ones
The Shulers	In memory of loved ones
Burdie Gillern	In memory of Maggie Bitterman & Bill Gillern

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