



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 1, 2018

10:30 Holy Communion

Alleluia, Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! Today we celebrate. We fully celebrate our God's power over death. When death is not the end our whole lives are filled with new hope. May we take God's resurrection promises to heart and boldly live in faith, hope, and love.

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

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 Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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 1 Corinthians 15:35-44

(from The Message translation of the Bible by Eugene Peterson)

[Paul writes] Some skeptic is sure to ask, "Show me how resurrection works. Give me a diagram; draw me a picture. What does this 'resurrection body' look like?" If you look at this question closely, you realize how absurd it is. There are no diagrams for this kind of thing. We do have a parallel experience in gardening. You plant a "dead" seed; soon there is a flourishing plant. There is no visual likeness between seed and plant. You could never guess what a tomato would look like by looking at a tomato seed. What we plant in the soil and what grows out of it don't look anything alike. The dead body that we bury in the ground and the resurrection body that comes from it will be dramatically different. You will notice that the variety of bodies is stunning. Just as there are different kinds of seeds, there are different kinds of bodies - humans, animals, birds, fish - each unprecedented in its form. You get a hint at the diversity of resurrection glory by looking at the diversity of bodies not only on earth but in the skies - sun, moon, stars - all these varieties of beauty and brightness. And we're only looking at pre-resurrection "seeds" - who can imagine what the resurrection "plants" will be like! This image of planting a dead seed and raising a live plant is a mere sketch at best, but perhaps it will help in approaching the mystery of the resurrection body - but only if you keep in mind that when we're raised, we're raised for good, alive forever! The corpse that's planted is no beauty, but when it's raised, it's glorious. Put in the ground weak, it comes up powerful. The seed sown is natural; the seed grown is supernatural - same seed, same body, but what a difference from when it goes down in physical mortality to when it is raised up in spiritual immortality!

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Exodus 15:1-2)

C: Alleluia. Let us sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously; our strength and our might, who has become our salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

And after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices in order to go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb just after sunrise. And

they were continuously saying to each other, “Who will roll away the stone from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they observed the stone had been rolled away. It was very large.

And coming into the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, wearing a long white robe; and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, “Do not be utterly amazed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who has been crucified. He was raised. He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is leading before you to Galilee. There you will see him as he told you.”

And they went out and fled from the tomb, for they had become possessed with fear and amazement. And to no one nothing did they speak. They were afraid because.

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**

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

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 & 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

A: Let us pray:

C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. 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. 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

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*

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	Kim and Gary Boisseau
Acolyte	Ally Buch
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Tim Brown and Bill Hagerman

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 8, 2017

Greeters and Ushers	Sally Mansfield and Helen Crown
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelle
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	Urbanics and Wilmots

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Easter Flowers

The Hendersons	In memory of Loved ones
The Brights	In honor of Hunt and Shirley Bright
Sue Kaufmann	In memory of loves ones
The Kurilovitches	In honor of family
The Reeses	In memory of Scott Reese
The DeMuzios	In honor of parents and grandparents
Julie Stueat	In memory of Judith Sax
Adele Garvey	In memory of dad
The Sacketts	In memory of grandparents
Linn Griffio	In honor of Kelsey and Morgan Sackett
The Urbanics	In memory of loved ones
Perdan/Schroeder	In honor of family, friends, and Pastor Jon
Joy Lethbridge	In memory of Jim Lethbridge and Karen Lethbridge
The Spawtons	In memory of loved ones
The Shulers	In memory of loved ones
Burdie Gillern	In memory of loved ones

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