



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 21, 2019

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; new and unbounded possibilities! 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 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 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

[Paul writes] If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we're a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries. There is a nice symmetry in this: Death initially came by a man, and resurrection from death came by a man. Everybody dies in Adam; everybody comes alive in Christ. But we have to wait our turn: Christ is first, then those with him at his Coming, the grand consummation when, after crushing the opposition, he hands over his kingdom to God the Father. He won't let up until the last enemy is down - and the very last enemy is death!

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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 Luke 24:1-12

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and

ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

A: 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus*, Arranged for Handbells by Anna Laura Page

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: Risen One,

C: as you met with your frightened and confused disciples, and in so doing gave them peace and hope, so also meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feel the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. 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. (If you need

gluten free wafers please ask the assistant distributing bread.) 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:

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† **SENDING** †

Blessing

P: The blessing of the living God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

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	Lisa and Tom Kurilovitch
Acolyte	Abbie Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield
Communion Assistants	Bruce and Diane Boncke
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish

Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 28, 2019

Greeters and Ushers	Sally Mansfield and Helen Crown
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelle
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour	Kim Boisseau and Phyllis Henderson

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Easter Flowers

The Boisseaus	In memory of loved ones
The Bonckes	In memory of loved ones
Linda Flood	In memory of loved ones
Heidi Griffith	In honor of St. John's musicians
The Stimmels	In memory of grandparents
The Deiblers	In memory of loved ones
The DeMuzios	In honor/memory of grandparents
Julie Stuart	In memory of Judith Sax
Adele Garvey	In memory of dad
The Sacketts	In honor of Linn Griffo
Linn Griffo	In honor of Kelsey and Morgan Sackett
The Shulers	In memory of loved ones
Burdie Gillern	In memory of Bill Gillern and Maggie Bitterman

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