

Christ is
Risen!

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Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!



FESTIVAL WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021 - 8:00 AM

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today.
In May of 2020, Resurrection Lutheran Church celebrated forty-two years of ministry.
Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people,
whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY

Celebrate the Good News of Christ's Resurrection.
Greet one another with the ringing shout, "Christ is risen!"
The stone has been rolled away. The tomb stands open wide.
Christ's resurrection makes possible the rolling away of the stone of eternal death for Easter people.
And even more— the huge stone of despair, discouragement, doubt, and defeat can be rolled away
from each Christian's heart.
In response we say and sing, "Alleluia!"
Easter begins the church's season of "alleluias."
They have been omitted during Lent in the contemplation of Christ's suffering.
This morning, may our "Alleluias" soar heavenward.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.
The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Heavenly Handbells

Risen, Hallelujah! – D. Wagner

❖ **EASTER GREETING**

P Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P This is the day the Lord has made!
C **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P We sound our Easter greeting.
C **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

❖ **INVOCATION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In Baptism your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Him back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy. To remind ourselves of what happens at our baptism, we speak the words that were spoken at our baptism:

C **In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

❖ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the Presence and Love of God.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – arr. C. Dobrinski

LSB 457

- 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 **Women** *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 **Men** *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 ye Heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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❖ PASTORAL GREETING

- P The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠, the Love of God the Father, and the
Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

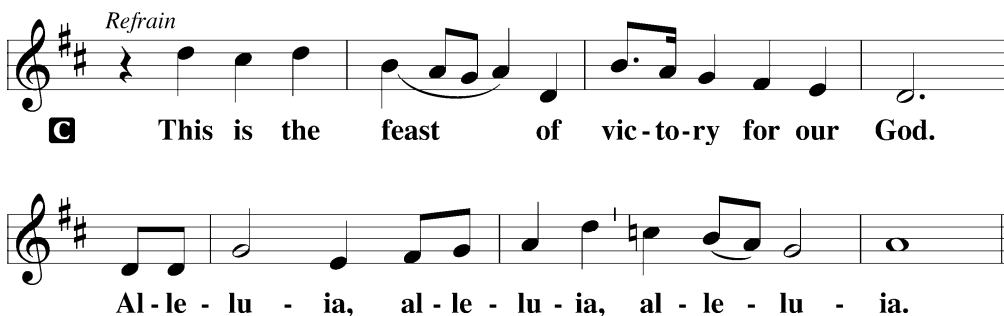
- C Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to
His abundant Mercy has given us new birth into a living hope by the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that can never
perish, spoil, or fade, to an inexpressible and glorious joy in Him, to Whom
with You, O Father, and You, O Holy Spirit, one blessed Trinity,
be ascribed all honor, might, majesty, and power forever. Amen

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast – arr. R. Hillert

LSB 155

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY

Isaiah 25:6-9

(The Lord will swallow up death forever.)

On this mountain the LORD Almighty
 will prepare a feast of rich food for all
 peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best
 of meats and the finest of wines.

On this mountain He will destroy the
 shroud that enfolds all peoples,
 the sheet that covers all nations;
 He will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the
tears from all faces;
He will remove the disgrace of His people
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.
In that day they will say,

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL ANTHEM

On Easter Morn — arr. A. Parker and R. Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

*On Easter morn, at break of day
The three Saint Marias sped
Towards the tomb where Jesus lay,
Already three days dead.*

*But at His grave they saw a sight,
The stone was rolled away;
And there-on sat an Angel bright,
Which unto them did say:*

*Seemed light the burden that they bore
Of myrrh and spice, a goodly store,
When came they fast, The Sabbath past,
To salve His Body o'er.*

*‘Fear not: Go tell the elev’n that
He precedes them into Galilee,
O’er is the strife; the Lord of Life
Hath won the victorie!’*

EPISTLE

I Corinthians 15:1-11

(Paul gives his eyewitnesses account to Christ’s Death and Resurrection.)

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of
the Gospel I preached to you,
which you received and on which you
have taken your stand.
By this Gospel you are saved, if you hold
firmly to the word I preached to you.
Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
For what I received I passed on to you as
of first importance:
that Christ died for our sins according to
the Scriptures,
that He was buried, that He was raised on
the third day according to the Scriptures,

and that He appeared to Peter, and then
to the Twelve.
After that, He appeared to more than five
hundred of the brothers at the same time,
most of whom are still living, though
some have fallen asleep.
Then He appeared to James, then to all
the apostles,
and last of all, He appeared to me also, as
to one abnormally born.
For I am the least of the apostles and do
not even deserve to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and His grace to me was not without
effect.

No, I worked harder than all of them--yet
not I, but the grace of God that was with
me.

Whether, then, it was I or they, this is
what we preach, and this is what you
believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



ALLELUIA VERSE

LSB 157

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



HOLY GOSPEL WITH ACCLAMATIONS

Mark 16:1-8

(The resurrection of Jesus from the dead)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary
Magdalene, Mary the mother of James,
and Salome bought spices so that they
might go to anoint Jesus' body.
Very early on the first day of the week,
just after sunrise, they were on their way
to the tomb and they asked each other,
"Who will roll the stone away from the
entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that
the stone, which was very large, had been
rolled away.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a
young man dressed in a white robe sitting
on the right side, and they were alarmed.
"Don't be alarmed," he said.
"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified.
He has risen!

He is not here.
See the place where they laid him.
But go, tell his disciples and Peter,
‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee.
There you will see him, just as he told
you.’”

Trembling and bewildered, the women
went out and fled from the tomb.
They said nothing to anyone, because they
were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Blanke

❖ HYMN OF THE DAY *The Day of Resurrection*

LSB 478

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list’ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav’ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow’r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

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SERMON

“When Hearing--Not Seeing--Is Believing”
John 20:1-18

Pastor Jonathan Blanke



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Ancient Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ –
true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His holy,
precious blood
and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead,
lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.



GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,”
as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*)
Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail,
and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Now the Green Blade Riseth – arr. D. Hermany

Heavenly Handbells



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according
to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your Mercy for the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

❖ **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**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

❖ **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today— arr. V. Nelhybel

LSB 463

1 **Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

"Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah*— G. F. Handel, arr. S. D. Wolff

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