



If we **CONFESS**
our **SINS** he is
FAITHFUL and JUST
to *forgive us*
our sins and to
CLEANSE US FROM
all unrighteousness.
1 JOHN 1:9



THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021 — 8:00 A.M.

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

The initial appearance of the Lord on the Day of Resurrection expanded into a series of appearances by Jesus to His disciples and others. He is God in person on earth, encouraging His faithful followers that He is with them always. To the disciples gathered together in fear and apprehension, He brings a word of peace and assurance. His Presence among them gives a full sense of "shalom" – of complete well-being. Jesus is present among us in our worship this day as well, assuring us that all is well and that we are truly at peace with God and with one another. As we worship, we celebrate that peace which passes all human understanding.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

PRELUDE

Lecia Cecconi-Roberts, Clarinet

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth – G. F. Handel, arr. A. C Whitworth

GREETING



INVOCATION

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

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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

BAPTISM OF ELLIOT BARTELT AND AVELYN MATTRESS

In place of the Confession and Absolution, worshippers will celebrate their own adoption into God's family through the water of Holy Baptism and reenact their own baptisms by joining the baptismal candidates in confessing their faith:

P Let us all confess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith into which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

C He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven and sits at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the Life ☩ Everlasting. Amen.

Following the Rite, a member of the church joins the congregation in welcoming the newly baptized with these words:

L Through Baptism God has made Elliot and Avelyn His children; heirs, with us, of all the treasures of Heaven; that together we might hear His Word, receive His Gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness into His Marvelous Light.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family.

We receive you as a sister and brother in Christ, and a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus.



ENTRANCE HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465, vs. 1-2, 4

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! Christ has triumphed!"**
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!

4. Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavn'ly blessèd 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!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And also with you.**
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- P Let us pray.
 C **Almighty God, grant that we, who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection, may by Your Grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-35

(The apostles testified with power to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.)

All the believers were one in heart and mind.

No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. There were no needy persons among them.

For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

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

PSALM

Psalms 148

(All the earth praises the Lord for what He has done!)

P Praise the Lord.
Men **Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise Him from the heights above!**
Women/Children ***Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His heavenly hosts.***

P Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him you shining stars.
Men **Praise Him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the skies.**
Women/Children ***Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
for He commanded and they were created.***

P He set them in place for ever and ever;
He gave a decree that will never pass away.
Men **Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures
and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do His bidding,**
Women/Children ***you mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,***

P kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
Men **young men and maidens, old men and children.**
Women/Children ***Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for His Name alone is
exalted; His Splendor is above the earth and the heavens.***

P He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His saints,
of Israel, the people close to His heart.

All

Praise the Lord!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE

I John 1:1-2:2

(We have seen and testify to you the Eternal Life that is ours in Christ Jesus.)

P That which was from the beginning, Which we have heard, Which we have seen with our eyes, Which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life.

C **The Life appeared; we have seen It and testify to It, and we proclaim to you the Eternal Life, Which was with the Father and has appeared to us.**

P We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.

C **And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.**

P We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the Message we have heard from Him and declare to you:

C **God is Light; in Him there is no darkness at all.**

P If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

C **But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.**

P If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar

C **and His Word has no place in our lives.**

P My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.

C **But if anybody does sin, we have One Who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.**

P He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

❖ **ALLELUIA VERSE**

C **Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.
(Romans 6:9; John 20:29b)

❖ **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20: 19-31

(Jesus brings peace and the assurance of His resurrection to His disciples.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

After He said this,

He showed them His Hands and Side.

The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!

As the Father has sent Me,

I Am sending you."

And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him,

"We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the nail marks in His Hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His Side, I will not believe it."

A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Then He said to Thomas,

"Put your finger here; see My Hands.

Reach out your hand and put it into My Side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to Him,

"My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him,

"Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have Life in His Name.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 470

1. O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!
2. That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!
3. An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!
4. That night the apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
5. When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
6. "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!
7. No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
8. How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
9. On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

SERMON God's Love Letter, 1: Freedom to Be "Real" Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanke
1 John 1:1 - 2:2

NEW MEMBER RITE

- L Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission to the world.
- L In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at His holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
That we may rejoice in your confession, I now ask you in the presence of God and of this congregation:
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: I do.
- R *I do.*
- P Do you confess that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures as you have learned to know them from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true? If so, answer: I do.
- R *I do.*
- P You have made public profession of your faith.
- P Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
Will you commit yourself to live a godly life according to the Word of God in faith, word, and action? If so, answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.
- R *I do so intend, with the help of God.*
- P Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers, time, treasure and talent?
If so, answer: I will, with the help of God.
- R *I will, with the help of God.*

P Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

(Each person answers in turn.)

R I do.

P Upon this your confession of faith, I, in the name of this congregation, extend to you the right hand of fellowship and love, acknowledging you as a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and welcoming you to participate in all the blessings of salvation which God has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(As each person is welcomed, his/ her name is called.)

*Elliot Bartelt & Katie Helme; Meredith Amundson; Bob & Melissa Cotton;
Robert & Sally Cotton; Troy & Sheila Hirt; Sarah Hirt; Matt & Brittany McGrady*

(The following will be/ have been received at other Worship Services, or individually.)

*Kenn & Carol Buckner (Mary, Steve); Mike & Katie Riccitiello (Carter, Ryan, Graham, Emilyn);
Marcia Shaw; Kelley Vick; Mike & Janet Lucien*

P Let us pray.
Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

C Amen.



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.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

LSB 720, vs. 1-4

1. We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.
2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.
4. For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

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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.

Lord God, in the loneliness and darkness of sin and death, You sent forth Your Son to touch us with the warmth of Your Love, forgive our sins, and show us the light of Life.

C **Grant that we may walk in that light without fear all the days of our lives.**

P Make bold, Your Church, O Lord, and all who serve her, that the Good News of Jesus' Death and Resurrection may go out to every corner of the earth and find ears willing to listen and hearts willing to trust.

C **Restore the lost, Father, that those who have fallen away may know again Your Touch of grace and Your Word of hope. Use us to reach out to those whose faith has grown dim or whose lives have been severely tested by trial.**

P Bless, O Lord, the leaders of this and every land that they may work for peace, act with justice, and protect the weakest and most vulnerable. Bless especially the service men and women who work for peace in places of war and violence.

C Remembering Your saints of old, Thomas and all Your disciples, and those of every generation who have responded to Your Voice with faith; we pray for that day when we and all Your people shall be one in Your Presence forevermore

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.

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

❖ **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. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)
C **Amen.**

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LSB 464, vs, 1-2, 4-5

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions
hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
4. He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high
portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
5. Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting
Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

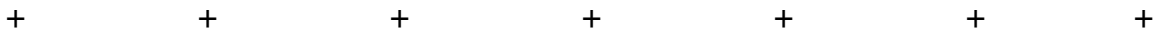
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P Alleluia, Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Lecia Cecconi-Roberts, Clarinet

This Joyful Eastertide – P. Bouman



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