



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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11, 2021, 11:00 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

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.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Musical Offering, Opening Song: Rock of Ages
R. Baloche

1. There is no rock,
there is no god like our God
No other name worthy of all our praise
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved,
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true
There is no rock, there is no god like ours! **Repeat**

Refrain

Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock;
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock;
Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock;
There is no rock, there is no god like ours!

Repeat 1
Refrain

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Invocation of The Holy Trinity

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

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

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!

Confession of Sins

P Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling as Your peaceable people. We have not nurtured or encouraged peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We have not done the good You demand and have not been the people You would have us be. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, Father, for the Sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us. Renew us. Keep us ever mindful that we need Your Lavish Grace. By the power of the Holy Spirit direct us to serve You faithfully all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a Called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Musical Offering, Song of Praise: Come, Thou Fount/Above All Else

R. Robinson/S. Barnard

1. Come Thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of Thy redeeming love.
2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God -
He to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood!
3. O, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above!

Refrain

Above all else I adore Your name;
above all else tune my heart to sing Your praise
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New Testament Reading – Acts 4:32-35

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.

Epistle Reading – 1 John 1:1-2:2

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

A 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.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel – John 20:19-31

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.

Affirmation of Faith – Grant Klein

Musical Offering, Song of the Day: God So Loved
M. Sampson/M. Crocker

Refrain

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only Son,
that whosoever believes will not perish;
they shall have eternal life.

1. I shall hold to the cross;
I shall hold to God alone,
for His love has salvaged me;
for His love has set me free. *Refrain*

2. I shall wait upon the Lord;
I shall wait upon His Word,
and by His grace I am released;
by His grace, I am redeemed. *Refrain*

By His precious blood
I have been set free;
for the glory of Jesus' Name
I surrender all now to Christ alone;
In Jesus I am saved *Refrain*

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Message – Pastor Jonathan Blanke

Rite of Reception

*Kenn & Carol Buckner (Mary, Steve); Mike & Janet Lucien,
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Prayers of the Church

after each petition

P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The 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

Musical Offering, Closing Song: Amazing Love, O What Sacrifice
G. Kendrick

1. My Lord, what love is this
that pays so dearly -
that I, the guilty one,
may go free?

Refrain

Amazing love, o what sacrifice:
the Son of God giv'n for me!
My debt He pays, and my death He dies
that I might live, that I might live!

2. And so, they watched Him die -
Despised, rejected
But o, the blood He shed
flowed for me! *Refrain*

3. And now, this love of Christ
shall flow like rivers:
Come wash your guilt away;
live again! *Refrain*

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

+ Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! Thanks Be to God! +

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