

Welcome  
to the Kingdom!

*Revelation 1:4-18*



SINGING A NEW SONG OF  
**PRAISE**  
TO OUR RISEN KING!

**THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 24, 2022 - 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today! We celebrate together God's work in our lives as we receive His Word and Sacraments to strengthen our relationship with Him and one another. By the blood of Christ, we are made the household of God. Here, God builds us up by grace, through faith, and for service!

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

*SINGING A NEW SONG*

No, this is not a recruitment for more musicians at RLC (though if you are musical, contact Bob Unger or Chris Reed). This is our new sermon series for the season of Easter. Christ is risen! And that is reason to "sing praises" to God in all that we do! The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the heavenly Kingdom where all believers will sing a new song of praise to the risen Lamb, Jesus! As people of the heavenly Kingdom dwelling here below, we have the new song now. So we sing! But it's not just the vocal singing in worship, it is the way we live our lives for our risen King as we live out our worship of Him every day.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

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

**PRELUDE**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* – G. F. Handel, arr: A. C. Whitworth

**WELCOME**

❖ **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!  
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*

LSB 464

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!
3. The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head! 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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## CONFESSION OF SINS

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is Faithful and Just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**C** We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.  
 For the Sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

❖ **ABSOLUTION**

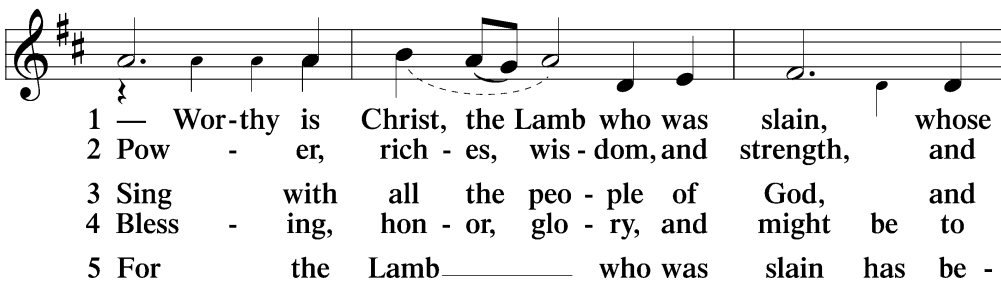
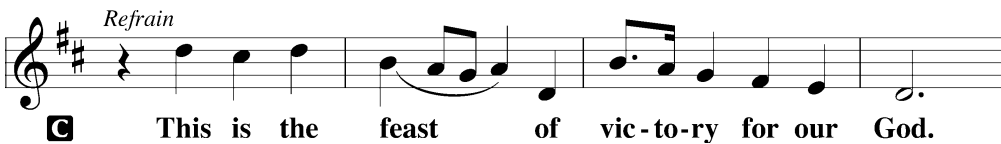
*John 20:21-23*

**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.  
**C** Amen. Thanks be to God!

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is the Feast*

**LSB 155**





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.

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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 5:12-32* [ESV]

*(Peter and John proclaim the risen Christ in spite of opposition.)*

Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles.

And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and, filled with jealousy, they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison.

But during the night an Angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”

And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported,

“We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors,

but when we opened them we found no one inside.”

Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to.

And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”

Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council.

And the high priest questioned them, saying, “We strictly charged you not to teach in this Name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this Man's blood upon us.”

But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.

The God of our fathers raised Jesus, Whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree.

God exalted Him at His Right Hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 148:1-14 [ESV]*

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

L	Praise the Lord.
Men	<b>Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him from the heights above!</b>
Women/Children	<i>Praise Him, all His angels, praise Him, all His Heavenly hosts.</i>
L	Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him you shining stars.
Men	<b>Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the skies.</b>
Women/Children	<i>Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.</i>
L	He set them in place for ever and ever; He gave a Decree that will never pass away.
Men	<b>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,</b>
Women/Children	<i>you mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,</i>
L	kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
Men	<b>young men and maidens, old men and children.</b>
Women/Children	<i>Let them praise the Name of the Lord, for His Name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.</i>
L	He has raised up for His people a horn, the praise of all His saints, of Israel, the people close to His Heart.
All	<b>Praise the Lord!</b> <b>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.</b>

## EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-18 [ESV]

*(John's vision of Jesus is revealed.)*

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come, and from the seven spirits who are before His Throne, and from Jesus Christ the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of kings on earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His Blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him.

Even so. Amen.

“I Am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,

“Who Is and Who Was and Who Is to Come, the Almighty.”

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying,

“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His Chest.

The hairs of His Head were white, like white wool, like snow.

His Eyes were like a flame of fire, His Feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His Voice was like the roar of many waters.

In His Right Hand He held seven stars, from His Mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His Face was like the sun shining in full strength.

When I saw Him, I fell at His Feet as though dead.

But He laid His Right Hand on me, saying,

“Fear not, I Am the First and the Last, and the Living One.

I died, and behold I Am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



## ❖ ALLELUIA VERSE

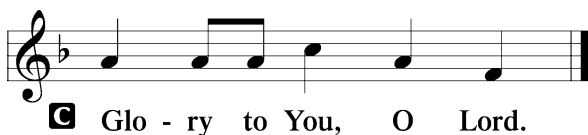
LSB 156



## ❖ HOLY GOSPEL WITH ACCLAMATIONS

*John 20: 19-31 [ESV]**(Jesus brings peace and the assurance of His resurrection to His disciples.)*

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



On the evening of that day, the first day  
of the week, the doors being locked where  
the disciples were for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood among them and  
said to them,

“Peace be with you.”

When He had said this, He showed them  
His Hands and His Side.

Then the disciples were glad when they  
saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again,

“Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent Me, even so I Am  
sending you.”

And when He had said this, He breathed  
on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive the sins of any, they are  
forgiven them;

if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is  
withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called  
the Twin, was not with them when Jesus  
came.

So the other disciples told him,

“We have seen the Lord.”

But he said to them,

“Unless I see in His Hands the mark of  
the nails, and place my finger into the  
mark of the nails, and place my hand into  
His Side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, His disciples were inside  
again, and Thomas was with them.

Although 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, and see My Hands;  
 and put out your hand, and place it in My Side.  
 Do not disbelieve, but believe."  
 Thomas answered Him,  
 "My Lord and my God!"  
 Jesus said to him,

"Have you believed because you have seen Me?  
 Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."  
 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so 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.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Zach Sarrault

## 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!

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## SERMON

Rev. Zach Sarrault

### WELCOME TO THE KINGDOM

*Revelation 1: 4-18*



## CREED

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth.  
And 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.  
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.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,

**C**      the forgiveness of sins,  
          the resurrection of the body,  
          and the Life ✠ Everlasting. 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*)

## **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**

**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.**

**5. Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.**

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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 Jesus, 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

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** May the God of Peace, Who through the Blood of the Eternal Covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His Will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. *(Hebrews 13:20-21)*

**C** Amen.

**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

*He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

**LSB 480**

1. He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

2. The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3. But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4. O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

5. Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*The Royal Banners Forward Go* – J. Mansfield

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