

The Old
Has Become New
Revelation 5:5-14



SINGING A NEW SONG OF
PRAISE
TO OUR RISEN KING!

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 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.

PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

The Joyful Eastertide – J. Ferguson

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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465

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!

3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
 That we conquer through Your triumph;
 Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say:
 "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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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. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

C 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**

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

LSB 812

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “For He was slain for us!”
3. Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.
4. Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.

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❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, You raised up the fallen world.

C Give to Your faithful people, who have been rescued from the peril of everlasting death, gladness forever and eternal joy. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 9:1-22 [ESV]

(The Conversion of St. Paul)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from Heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a Voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And He said, "I Am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the Voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your Name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My Name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My Name."

So Ananias departed and entered the house.
And laying his hands on him he said,
“Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus Who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”
And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.
For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

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

EPISTLE

Revelation 5:5-14 [ESV]

(A new song is sung in Heaven: Worthy is the Lamb, Who was slain.)

And one of the elders said to me,
“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals.”
And between the Throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.
And He went and took the scroll from the Right Hand of Him Who was seated on the Throne.

And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying,
“He is the Son of God.”
And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this Name?
And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”
But Saul increased all the more in strength,
and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
And they sang a new song, saying,
“Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for You were slain,
and by Your Blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

And I heard every creature in Heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To Him Who sits on the Throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Sanctuary Choir

Alleluia! Sing Praise Chorale from *Cantata No. 142* – J. S. Bach, arr. C. C. Hirt

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing praise unto God. Sing praise to Him, with heart and voice exultant.
For us He died. By men denied. To rise again in glory now triumphant.*

❖ HOLY GOSPEL WITH ACCLAMATIONS

John 21:1-19 [ESV]

(The risen Jesus restores Peter.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them,

“I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them,

“Children, do you have any fish?”
They answered Him, “No.”
He said to them,
“Cast the net on the right side of the boat,
and you will find some.”
So they cast it, and now they were not
able to haul it in, because of the quantity
of fish.
That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore
said to Peter, “It is the Lord!”
When Simon Peter heard that it was the
Lord, he put on his outer garment,
for he was stripped for work, and threw
himself into the sea.
The other disciples came in the boat,
dragging the net full of fish,
for they were not far from the land, but
about a hundred yards off.
When they got out on land, they saw a
charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on
it, and bread.
Jesus said to them,
“Bring some of the fish that you have just
caught.”
So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled
the net ashore, full of large fish,
153 of them.
And although there were so many, the net
was not torn.
Jesus said to them,
“Come and have breakfast.”
Now none of the disciples dared ask Him,
“Who are you?”
They knew it was the Lord.

Jesus came and took the bread and gave it
to them, and so with the fish.
This was now the third time that Jesus
was revealed to the disciples after He was
raised from the dead.
When they had finished breakfast, Jesus
said to Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John,
do you love Me more than these?”
He said to Him,
“Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”
He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”
He said to him a second time,
“Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”
He said to Him,
“Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”
He said to him, “Tend My sheep.”
He said to him the third time,
“Simon, son of John, do you love Me?”
Peter was grieved because He said to him
the third time, “Do you love Me?”
and he said to Him, “Lord, You know
everything; You know that I love You.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.
Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were
young, you used to dress yourself and
walk wherever you wanted, but when you
are old, you will stretch out your hands,
and another will dress you and carry you
where you do not want to go.”
(This He said to show by what kind of
death he was to glorify God.)
And after saying this He said to him,
“Follow Me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Alan Shaw

HYMN OF THE DAY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

- 1. With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.**
- 2. True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.**
- 3. Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above, From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.**

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SERMON

Pastor Alan Shaw

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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into Heaven
and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose Kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the ✠ Life of the world to come. 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.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Feed My Lambs – N. Sleeth, arr. T. Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

*Feed My lambs, tend My sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In My Name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.
When they wander, when they stray, their protector be.
As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to Me.*

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd.
Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be.
As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to Me.*

*Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep;
In my name lead them forth gently,
Gently as a loving shepherd of the Lord,
As a loving shepherd of the Lord.*

❖ 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.
- P Send us, Lord Jesus, as You were sent.
- C Send us to the lost, the last, and the least. Send us to the unimaginable places where You wish us to go. Send us with the Good News of Your Love in Christ and all the hope it inspires.**
- P And because there are people You love in places where we cannot go,
- C move us to be generous in our commitment to support those who take Your Love to those places. Let us be faithful in supporting them with our resources, our prayers, and our signs of encouragement.**

P To all of those who labor as professional missionaries, be gracious in supplying their needs.

C **Out of the immeasurable riches of Your Grace, support them and their families with all they need to live and serve as Your ambassadors.**

P Open our eyes to the missionary opportunities that lie all around us.

C **Take this congregation, O Lord, and use its people, its facilities, its resources to make Your Kingdom come among all of those whose lives touch ours.**

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 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.**

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Resurrection Lutheran Church's annual Operation InAsMuch event will be **Saturday, May 7** from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

After a COVID 'pause', we are excited to continue this event where we provide numerous acts of service for our church, community, and country.

The event begins with breakfast in the Family Life Center at 8:00 am, and most activities will be completed by noon. There will be many opportunities available for all ages to participate, and nursery care will be provided. Some of the activities will be at RLC and others off site.

Sign Up: signup.com/go/ibcUDaK

Questions? Contact Jan Boyer or the church office (919-851-248, office@rlcary.org).