

Keep it Close

Revelation 22:1-7



SINGING A NEW SONG OF

PRAISE

TO OUR RISEN KING!

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of Our Lord
May 29, 2022 - 11:00 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.

Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father. Ascension Day goes beyond Easter and assures us that our future is in the care of our Gracious and Powerful God. As Jesus departed from this earth and was welcomed into Heaven, so we too look forward to worshipping the Lamb upon His Throne with our endless Alleluias.

Welcome and Sharing the Peace

P Christ is risen!

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

P The peace of the LORD be with you!

C **And also with you!**

Opening Song

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Open the eyes
of my heart, LORD,
Open the eyes
of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You

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of my heart, LORD,
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I want to see You,
I want to see You

Open the eyes
of my heart, LORD,
Open the eyes
of my heart;
I want to see You,
I want to see You

To see You
high and lifted up,
shining in the light
of Your glory;
pour out Your
power and love
as we sing
holy, holy, holy

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of my heart, LORD,
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Invocation for Ascension Day

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 Today we recall Christ's ascent from earth into heaven. As Jesus took His place at the right hand of the Father, the Holy Spirit came down to take Its place among us.

C **Jesus ascended not to get away from us, but to ensure that He would always be close by us.**

P Just like His birth, death, and resurrection here on earth, Jesus' ascent into heaven was part of His Father's plan all along.

C **Jesus was taken into heaven not only in spirit, but in His earthly body as well.**

P Once Jesus had ascended, the Matthew 28 work began. Until He returns, making disciples of all the nations is our daily duty.

C **In the meantime, He promises that He will be with us always, even to the very end of the age.**

P The One who was raised from the dead now reigns on high with the Father.

C **Since God is present with us everywhere, Jesus is present with us everywhere.**

P Christ is LORD! Christ is risen!

C **He is LORD!**

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

Confession of Sins and Good News of Forgiveness

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 hearts; 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.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.

P 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!

Song of Praise

Across The Lands

You're the Word
of God the Father
from before
the world began,
Ev'ry star
and ev'ry planet
have been fashioned
by Your hand;
All creation
holds together
by the power
of Your voice
Let the skies
declare Your glory,
let the land
and seas rejoice!

You're the Author
of creation,
You're the Lord
of ev'ry man,
and Your cry
of love rings out
across the lands!

Yet You left
the gaze of angels,
came to seek
and save the lost
And exchanged the
joy of heaven
for the anguish
of a cross;
With a prayer
You fed the hungry,
with a word
You stilled the sea -
yet how silently
You suffered,
that the guilty
may go free:

You're the Author
of creation,
You're the Lord
of ev'ry man,
and Your cry
of love rings out
across the lands!

With a shout
You rose victorious,
wresting victory
from the grave
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives
in Your wake
Now You stand
before the Father,
interceding for
Your own;
From each tribe
and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home!

You're the Author
of creation,
You're the Lord
of ev'ry man,
and Your cry
of love rings out
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First Reading

Acts 1:1-11 [ESV]

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after His Suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His Own Authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into Heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into Heaven."

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

Epistle

Revelation 22:1-7 [ESV]

Then the angel showed me the River of the water of Life, bright as crystal, flowing from the Throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the Throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. They will see His Face, and His Name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place." "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

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

The Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26 [ESV]

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

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

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My Glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O Righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. I made known to them Your Name, and I will continue to make It known, that the Love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Pastor Zach Sarrault

Song of the Day

Christ Is Risen

Let no one caught
in sin remain
inside the lie
of inward shame,
but fix our eyes
upon the cross
and run to Him
who showed great love
and bled for us,
freely You've bled for us

Christ is risen
from the dead,
trampling over
death by death!
Come awake,
come awake -
come and rise up
from the grave!
Christ is risen
from the dead;
we are one
with Him again!

Come awake,
come awake -
come and rise up
from the grave!

Beneath the weight
of all our sin,
You bowed to none
but heaven's will
No scheme of hell,
no scoffer's crown,
no burden great
can hold You down
In strength You reign;
forever let
Your church proclaim:

Christ is risen
from the dead,
trampling over
death by death!
Come awake,
come awake -
come and rise up
from the grave!
Christ is risen
from the dead;
we are one
with Him again!
Come awake,
come awake -
come and rise up
from the grave!

O death,
where is your sting?
O hell,
where is your victory?
O church,
come stand
in the light -
the glory of God has
defeated the night!
Singing, O death,
where is your sting?
O hell,
where is your victory?

O church,
come stand
in the light -
Our God is not dead,
He's alive, He's alive!

Christ is risen
from the dead,
trampling over
death by death!
Come awake,
come awake -
come and rise up
from the grave!
Christ is risen
from the dead;
we are one
with Him again!
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The Message

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Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in 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.

Prayer for the Armed Forces

- P** Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in the defense of our freedom to be faithful.
- C** **We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of serving our nation in the military.**
- P** We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.
- C** **We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.**

Prayers of the Church

after each petition:

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

