



The Resurrection of Our Lord

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*A congregation of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Our mission: Sharing our faith in Christ by serving all with respectful compassion.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music:

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Words of Welcome

Prelude:

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. C: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden.

C: **In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock.**

L: When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

C: **At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day you shower us again with the water of life.**

L: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

C: **Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!
2. Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking the bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!
3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!
4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!
5. City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (refrain)
2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (refrain)
3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (refrain)
4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (refrain)

L: Let us all pray: **C: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

A responsive reading of Psalm 118: 1, 17, 21-24

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

C: God's mercy endures forever.

L: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

C: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation:

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Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

Sermon

Rev. Tammy Bull

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation had redeemed us by his blood."
2. Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.
5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation had redeemed us by his blood."

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith using the words of the
Nicene Creed.

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation. (petitions end: "Hear us, O God... **Your mercy is great.**")

P: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

The Offering (At this time we bring our gifts and offerings to God in gratitude and joy In response to God's love, we care for others in the name of Jesus. We appreciate your gifts of time, money, energy, and prayer to this work! If you are our guest today – either in person or online – we invite you to join us in caring for God's people and God's world!)

Offertory:

Offertory Response: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God ELW #186
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free spirit.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, [...] we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, Holy, Holy

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Eucharistic Prayer L: You are indeed holy, [...] now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Now, Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn during Communion: Now We Join in Celebration

ELW #462

1. Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
For the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
Stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
2. Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
Of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,
Pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
3. Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,
Reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,
Seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you, comfort you, and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us all pray... **C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy! Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever! **C: Amen.**

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW #365

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Musicians: James Rickley (organ), Bruce Bull (percussion), Victoria Bull (cantor)

Reader: Tara Thielman **Usher:** Glen Coulter

Communion Assistants: Rob Wilbur, Tara Thielman

Streaming Team: Allan Tooley, Neil White, Bruce Bull

Thank you... to our many worship assistants, sacristy assistants, and office volunteers!

Announcements for the week of March 31:

- Pastor Tammy will be out of the office for continuing education April 1-6
- GF Jazz Band rehearses in the sanctuary Wed. (4/3) from 6-9 pm
- GF Community band rehearses in the sanctuary Thu. (4/4) from 6-9 pm
- Hand bells rehearse Thu. 4/4 at 5:40 pm in the Library
- Helping Hands Re-Opening Celebration Fri. (4/5) at 5 pm
- **Helping Hands Volunteer Appreciation Fri. (4/5) at ????**
- GF Community Jazz Band concert Fri. (4/5) at 7 pm at New Hope.
- Holy Humor Sunday is next Sunday (4/7). Wear a crazy hat, your pajamas, or something funny to church. Bring your sense of humor!
- All-Comers' Choir sings next Sun. (4/7). Rehearse at 9:15 am before church.
- GF Community Band concert Sun. (4/7) at 2 pm at New Hope.

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