



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: In the name of the + One who was, who is, and who is to come. C: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

L: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

C: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

C: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

L: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

C: **Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.**

L: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW #385

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia... alleluia... alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia... alleluia... alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia... alleluia... alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia... alleluia... 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, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (refrain)
2. 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)

L: Let us all pray: **C: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

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! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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

Hymn: Touch that Soothes and Heals

ACS #939

1. Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;
Steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:

Refrain: "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save."

2. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,
Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. (ref.)

3. Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. (refr.)

4. Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal,
Feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal. (refr.)

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

C: 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, 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; and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead in accordance with the scriptures. He ascended to 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. 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 confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (petitions end: "God of grace,... **hear our prayer.**")

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: Lord of Light (v. 1 only)

ELW #688

Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,
Use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
Use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son.
Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.

Offertory Prayer: **C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

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.

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: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. 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: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW #369

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled; Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3. Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
4. Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high, Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. 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. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Musicians: James Rickley (organ),

Reader: **Usher:**

Communion Assistants:

Streaming Team:

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