***Triune Lutheran Church***

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***The Resurrection of Our Lord***



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 *We thank you for joining us here at Triune Lutheran Church, a family united by our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!*

 In order to make you feel more at home, here are a few notes about the service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to make your time here as meaningful as possible!

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* The \* by the headings throughout the service indicate when we invite you to stand, as you are able.
* The light print will be spoken by the pastor or another worship leader, while we encourage you to speak the **bold print**.
* The hymns are chosen from our *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal, which is the red book directly in front of you in the pews. You will find the hymns in the last two-thirds of the book with the bold numbers on the top of the pages.
* We welcome all the baptized to join us in the Lord’s Supper, where we believe Jesus is present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine as his body and blood. After the organist and assisting minister commune, you will be invited to come forward up the non-organ side aisle to the pastor, who will give you bread (gluten-free wafers also available upon request). You are encouraged to keep the bread in your hands and then dip it into the chalice of wine for intinction. You may also come forward to receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded. You may return to your seat up the center aisle. If you are unable to come forward, the elements will be brought to you.
* For visitors, if you so choose, we encourage you to fill out a card available at the center-aisle end of the pew to learn more about us.

**welcome**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, 🕆 one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

**Amen!**

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.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,

for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.

All life is sustained by you, our Source of new life.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,

who frees us from sin and raises us up to that new life.

Here, at this font, we touch the river of the water of life,

bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

Here, death is washed away forever.

Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,

with leaves for the healing of the world.

Holy Spirit, pour out yourself on all those gathered here,

into this community, and throughout all creation.

Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen!**

**\*Gathering hymn**

*“*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW 365

**\*Greeting**Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

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 Risen Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 65:17-25

 17For I am about to create new heavens
 and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.
 18But be glad and rejoice forever
 in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
 19I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 20No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 21They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 22They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 23They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD —
 and their descendants as well.
 24Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 25The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent — its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
says the LORD.

The word of the Lord!
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*hymn**

“Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376

**SECOND READING** Acts 10:34-43

 34Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord!
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!” Verse 1 ELW 619

**\*Gospel** Luke 24:1-12

The holy Gospel of the Resurrection according to Luke**.
Glory to you, O Lord!**

 1On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Great News of our Risen Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367

**\*NICENE Creed**

**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 Intercession**

Trusting God’s promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God, you are resurrection and life. Bring joy to your whole church as we continue to spread the good news that Jesus is risen. Lead us to proclaim this message with persistence and confidence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are still creator. Open our eyes to the first fruits of new life around us: to budding trees, nourishing rains, warm breezes, and freshly tilled soil. Inspire our gratitude and renew our commitment to stewardship of the earth.  Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are our needed-reconciliation. You show no partiality among the nations, but instead call all people to the way of peace. Bring an end to conflict and division among us. Renew leaders and advocates for peace with a commitment to the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are our refuge and strength. Awaken hope and perseverance in all who need to hear a word of life this day: those who are hungry, anxious, oppressed, despairing, or sick, including Bev Deitrick, Paul Loede, Hazel Schwab, Trudy Weidman, Mardell Weiss, Dave & Clara Wilcox,

Jenny Bennett, Cathy Gallagher, Dianne Handlovics, Richard Jakubcin, Mary Phillips, George Tomaselli, those serving in the armed forces and as first responders, and all those we name in our hearts...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are new life for us all. We give you thanks for all the newly baptized throughout the church universal, who by water and your word are forever joined to Christ’s death and resurrection. Embolden all who share this baptized life and renew us in faith and in action. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, you are the peace-filled comfort. Draw near to all who grieve. Refresh us with the promise that you will destroy death; and that withall the saints, we will be made alive forever in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Peace**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always!

**And also with you.**

**Offering**

**\*Offering Hymn**“Thine the Amen” Verse 1 ELW 826

**\*Offering Prayer**

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,

meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you,

using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,

for the sake of new life for all.

**Amen!**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**\*PREFACE**It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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**\*Thanksgiving at the table**

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,

for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,

and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,

healed the sick, fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,

we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Holy Spirit, breathe on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may continue as the living disciples,

clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

both now and forever. **Amen!**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**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 COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

gives everyone a place at the welcome table.

Alleluia! Come to the feast!

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN**

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**COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION PRAYER**

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness

and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.

Risen to new life with you,

send us now to bear your healing love

into the wounded world,

in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

**Amen!**

**\*Blessing**

The blessing of the living God,

Father, 🕆 Son, and Holy Spirit,

surround and sustain you,

keep you from harm,

and fill you with courage into life everlasting!

**Amen!**

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!” ELW 369

**\*Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world!

Go in peace. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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***No More Sadness***



*Christ Appearing to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection, Alexander Ivanov, 1835*

Lectionary Blog
Resurrection of Our Lord
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

Resurrection Sunday is a day of unalloyed triumph for the church. We celebrate Jesus’ victory over the powers of sin and death that could not hold him, and therefore cannot hold us. We know that Jesus has done the work on our behalf such that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ (Romans 8:1). Though we can do nothing to earn grace, God extends it to us. And on this day, more than any other, we wake with the sunrise, deck out our buildings with flowers and sing “Alleluia” to our risen Lord. Everything is happy, glorious and perfect. Except when it is not.

Even as I celebrate the messiah’s resurrection and look forward to my own eventual resurrection, I feel sad. I think, most of all, about my deceased grandfather, whose favorite holiday was Easter. He would mark the day with coconut doughnuts and braunschweiger for his grandchildren. Those happy memories give way to thinking about his last few years, as dementia stole his keen mind and pious demeanor. While I certainly join brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world in celebrating Jesus’ triumph, I miss Grandpa Driver’s strong voice as he belted out his favorite hymns and the bits of shaved coconut that would fall from his doughnut onto his tie and jacket in the fellowship hall. Yet this lingering sadness amid the day’s joy leads me to the greater promises of God.

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, the pain and sadness did not cease, even for his closest disciples. Mary Magdalene stood outside the tomb, confused and bereft. Not only had she watched the messiah’s murder by the Roman Empire, but now even his body was gone. But as she remained at the tomb, heavenly beings started to speak to her. At first two angels sitting in the tomb asked her, “Why are you weeping?” (John 20:13). Of all the things they could have said, their first words were to inquire about her emotional state. After answering them, Mary turned around and beheld the risen Jesus, though she did not recognize him. In the Gospel of John, Jesus’ first words after being resurrected echo the angels’ concern for Mary Magdalene’s emotions: “Woman, why are you weeping?” (John 20:15). Even after Jesus defeated death and sin, there was still work to do. And that work began with asking after someone’s feelings and then consoling her.

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*Jesus has always been in the business of reaching out to the hurting and distraught, and I know he will continue until that day when there will be no more hurt.*

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Over the ensuing decades and centuries, the church would have many reasons to feel sadness even as we celebrated our risen Lord. For the community that gathers around the one who overcame death, there remains a strong impetus toward emotional healing. This is because we long for the full dominion of the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus did all the work, but the reality of God’s kingdom is yet to be fully manifest. According to the book of Isaiah, when God creates a new heaven and new earth, there will be no weeping or distress (Isaiah 65:19). There will be no more infant mortality, and people dying earlier than their centennial will be a perplexing anomaly (Isaiah 65:20). The key distinction between the messianic era and our own is that God’s people will be glad and rejoice forever, and the “former things shall not be remembered” (Isaiah 65:17-18). The full realization of the kingdom of heaven will be so joyful that we will not even be able to remember the things that once hurt and distressed us. That is what I long for, and the tears I shed while singing “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” will be only joyful and not mixed with sadness.

So on this Resurrection Day, when we celebrate Jesus’ triumph over the grave, I take great comfort in what God has already done. But I also look forward to the completion of God’s redeeming and resurrecting work, when there will be no more sadness at all. Jesus has always been in the business of reaching out to the hurting and distraught, and I know he will continue until that day when there will be no more hurt. I am delighted to imagine that, as much as Grandpa Driver loved Easter, his laughter that I remember so well will ring out more powerfully than ever in the new earth. In the meantime, we are all blessed to celebrate this foretaste of the world to come!



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