

ALLELUIA !



Easter Sunday



April 20, 2024

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

The congregation is invited to say the **bold words**. Please take a moment to center your hearts.

Call to Worship

The disciples went to the cross,

And watched you breathe your last.

So they ran to the upper room,

And locked the door in fear.

Then, on this day so many years ago, some women went to the tomb,

But you were not there.

You were not there. You were already set loose in the world—

spreading a holy type of love.
So find us here. Spread love here.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365

Thanksgiving for Baptism Alleluia!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Water may be poured before or during thanksgiving.

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

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

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

Faithful friends today is a joyful day!

If I were to ask you what parts of today's service feel joyful, you'd probably say the music, the passing of the peace, the flowers in the sanctuary.

But perhaps the prayer of confession can feel like a fresh page.

Maybe the prayer of confession can allow us to start again.

When we move closer to God, we are always met with grace, mercy, and abundant love. And my friends, that is joyful. That feels like Easter, doesn't it?

So join me in the prayer of confession.

It's a joyful day. That joy doesn't stop here. Let us pray:

The Gospel of Luke says: "It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.

Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it. Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope. Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter. Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

Family of Faith,

At first, the disciples didn't believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception.

Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.

God's grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we're grieving, when we're shouting and when we're silent, when we're full of faith and when we're full of fear. God's grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days, and every day in between. Thanks be to God for this good news! Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

The grace we discover on Easter morn,
the love of God that opens the world to a new day,
and the community that gathers in the spirit of the risen one,
be with you all. **And also with you.**

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.

God of Alleluias and empty tombs,
God of garden plots and good news, it is Easter.
It is finally Easter.

In a world full of grief and heartache,
in a world full of violence and oppression,
in a world full of loss and separation,
we long for this day because Easter sings a different song.

Easter sings a song of hope.

Easter sings a song of new life.

Easter sings a song of love that makes you want to jump out of your chair and run barefoot to the tomb.

**too long So in a world full of grief, help us to cling to Easter's hope.
In a world full of grief, help us hear this story of good news.**

In a world full of grief, we're ready to jump out of our chairs and run barefoot to the tomb. With hope we pray, with hope we listen, Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But 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. I 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.

No 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.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They 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. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The 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, Word of God,
Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Word of God, Word of Life, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, **Thanks be to God.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed

over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But 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.

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you O Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation (repeat)

Sermon

Pastor Melissa Pagel

Hymn of the Day The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361

Affirmation of Faith

In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.

In the midst of our grief,

we believe the Spirit is at work.

In the chaos of our broken world,

we believe that love is on the loose.

For no stone could keep God at bay,

and no violence could keep God's love from us.

So today we sing, **Alleluia!**

For somewhere in between our belief and doubt, **hope lives.**

Christ has died, **and Christ has also risen. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayers of the People

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to

boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with
thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we
are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of
grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you
are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Please share a sign of the Lord's peace with those around you. Please be
seated.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Choir Anthem See What a Morning Soma/Shrader

Offering Prayer

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.

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we are full of Alleluias because this morning the sun rose once again.
This morning, the birds sang for you. This morning children laughed, flowers bloomed, and hope was shared.
This morning, we heard how the stone was rolled away.
This morning we dare to believe that life is stronger than death and love is stronger than evil.
Today, we are full of Alleluias. Today we are full of hope. However, we know that not every day feels like today. Just two days ago, we walked the path to the cross.
Just two days ago, we remembered the violence humanity is capable of.
Just two days ago, we remembered the cruelty that this world knows all too well. So on this hopeful day, as well as on those grief-filled days, we ask that you would meet us here.
Meet us in this sanctuary.
Meet us in this community.
Meet us at this Table.
On the night in which you were betrayed, you took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to your friends, saying,
Take. Eat. This is my body.

Broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
After supper, you took the cup, and when you had given thanks, you gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new and eternal covenant relationship in my blood.

Shed for you and shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Pour out your Spirit on this bread and cup.
Roll back the stone, again and again, as many times as it takes for us to see you.
Call us by name, again and again, as many times as it takes for us to hear you.
Pull us from the trenches of our grief and give us reason to hope.
As you do, we will keep singing your praises,
we will come back to this Table,
we will continue to bring you our hope ,our grief, and everything in between. **Amen.**

With a mouth full of Alleluias, we join our voices once more to pray the prayer you taught us to pray,

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.

On that first Easter morning when the women discovered the empty tomb, they told the disciples what they'd found. When Peter heard the news, he ran to the garden. He left the grief of the upper room, looking for a reason to hope.

Invitation to the Table

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

Friends, maybe you are like Peter, running to this Table, hungry and longing for a taste of good news. Maybe you are like the other disciples, hanging back, arms crossed, tentative and unsure.

Or maybe you are somewhere in between it all.

No matter where you stand and what you feel, this Table is for you.

The one who walked this earth, healed the sick, welcomed the children, and loved the outcast, welcomes you to this Table.

So, come. Bring your grief. Bring your questions. Bring your hope.

Bring the messy middle of your life.

Bring your faith and your dreams.

Bring it all.

For God meets us exactly where we are,

smack-dab in the middle, with nothing but love.

So come. This Table is for you.

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

Prayer after communion

God of the mountain, the valley, and every step in between, may this meal be a fresh start.

May this moment, where all are fed and all are welcomed, be the start of something new.

Show us how to carry the love we experience here from the walls of this church into the world we encounter in the days ahead.

Show us how to leave breadcrumbs of good news along our path and everywhere in between.

With deep hope we pray, **Amen.**

Dismissal

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The tomb is empty,

Christ has risen.

As you journey in faith, may your life be full,
your love be abundant, and your hope be eternal.
May God the Creator raise you from all that would bury you,
May Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you ✚
And may the Holy Spirit empower you to go forth with hope,
to release resurrection in the world. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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EASTER FLOWERS

Altar flowers are given by Ernie and Linda in thanksgiving to our
Resurrection Family.

Craig & Christina Marcin

Jeff & Carol Borremans- Alleluia Jesus is Risen!

Jim & Judy Gatske

Jan Hansen
John & Jodi Koch
Sandy Krakow
Eleanor Vogl- In remembrance of the Olson & Vogl family.
Jean Halloran- In honor of family and friends.
Bill & Kris Hartung- Given in Thanks!
Pastor Melissa & Greg-In memory of :
Donna & Glen Berge
Amanda & Clarence Balza
Elizabeth Smith
Paul Berge
And In thanksgiving for Resurrection Lutheran Church

*Bible Study is completed till fall. Starting in June we will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 5:00pm for a meal and The Chosen with discussion.

We will have a **Congregational Meeting following worship on May 5, 2025.** We will be discussing repairs to the church roof. This is the only topic. If you have any questions, please reach out to any Church Council Member.

April 20th

Usher: Jeff Borremans
Communion Deacon: John Koch
Counters: Larry Nelson & Debbie LaPlante
Lector: Kris Hartung
Altar Guild: Jan Hansen
Fellowship: Easter Sunday

Assisting us next week April 27th

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