

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020 10:00am

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Our Mission: "Make Christ Known to All in Word and Deed" A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to worship at Redeemer. We believe in the life-giving, inclusive and forgiving love of God manifest through his Son, Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate God's wonderful gifts through hearing his Word, singing, prayer, and as a guest at His table.

Children are always welcome in our worship services, but for those who desire it, childcare is provided in the education wing during both worship services and Sunday School for children aged infant through two years.

Today's worship emphasis: This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

The Altar flowers are given by Michelle and Donnie Knight in honor of Todd and Emily Knight's 4th wedding anniversary.

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Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness We stand.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us repent of our sin and be comforted in the promise of God.

Silence is kept for reflection. We kneel or sit as we are able.

Living God,
we confess before you and one another
our futile ways,
our pursuit of perishable things,
our own part in crucifying the Lord Jesus.
Forgive us, O God;
renew the face of the earth;
and give us the assurance
that you have rescued us from the power of sin
and made us alive in the Spirit forever.
Amen.

Christ suffered for sins once for all in order to bring you to God.

Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy.

In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus,

I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight.

Live in the marvelous light of Christ.

Amen.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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!

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!

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!

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!

Apostolic Greeting

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Hymn of Praise

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Hymn 385

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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

Children's Sermon We sit.

First Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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.

Anthem

O Sons and Daughters of the King

Paul Sjolund

Choir

Second Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and

your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation We stand.

Thine Is the Glory

Hymn 376

Refrain Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord! Spoken boldly.

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from

heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do

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not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left

the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ!** *Spoken boldly.*

Sermon *We sit.*The Surprise of Joy

Hymn of the Day We stand. Thine is the Glory

Hymn 376

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

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

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

We kneel or sit as we are able.

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

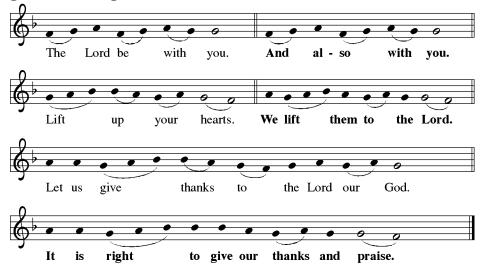
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Meal

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Great Thanksgiving We stand.

Dialogue and Proper 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,

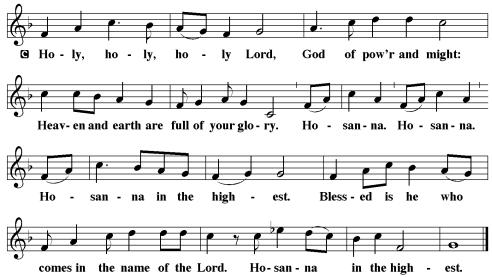
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy



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Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

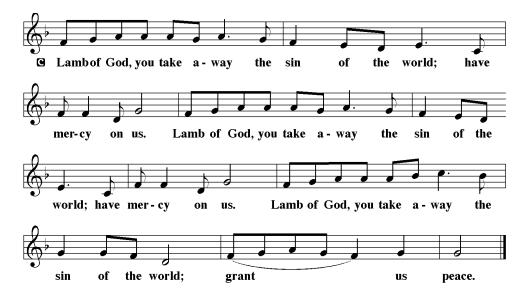
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church, 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

Lamb of God



Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. The pastor will invite us to partake of the elements.

Post Communion Blessing We stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.

Amen

Recessional Hymn

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Hymn 364

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.

Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo, and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain*

- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
 You look for Jesus who is not here.
 See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
 Only the graveclothes are lying there." *Refrain*
- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
 He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
 Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
 Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Easter Lilies Are Given by:



David and Evelyn Abel to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents: Clarence and Mary Abel and Allen and Betty Schilpp; and David's three brothers – Clarence, Van and Fred

David and Evelyn Abel to the Glory of God and in honor of our children, their spouses, and grandsons; Taylor, Mary Beth and Kaden; David, Claire and Henry

Erna Aderholdt in loving memory of John Aderholdt, Sr., David Aderholdt, and her sisters, brother and mother

Tommy and Bobbie Burgess in loving memory of our parents Vearl and Ann Burgess, and Raymond and Theresa Myers

The Rev. Kathy Chartier in loving memory of Robert L. Chartier and Robyn Chartier Crotwell

Cornelia Collins to the Glory of God and in honor of my family

Jim and Sandy Devold in honor of our grandson, Colby

Jim Epting in loving memory of Betty Epting

Donny and Michelle Knight in honor of our children: Kayla and Jayson Audette, and Todd and Emily Knight

Donny and Michelle Knight in honor of our granddaughters: Jordan Anne Knight and Charlotte Blake Audette

Donny and Michelle Knight in honor of Karen Manni for sharing her many talents with Redeemer

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Lisa and Sam Mathias in loving memory of Jack and Margaret Mathias

Lisa and Sam Mathias in honor of Bob and Merriel Cook

Trish Matthey to the Glory of God

Leo and Lyn Metzler to the Glory of God

Kelly Mitchell in loving memory of Pat Boyd

Ray and Betty Olsen to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ray and Betty's parents, sisters, and son-in-law

Ray and Betty Olsen to the Glory of God and in honor of their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

Mitch and Carmen Plemmons in loving memory of Ted and Brenda Nordman

Mitch and Carmen Plemmons in honor of educators, police, firemen, and EMTs

Mitch and Carmen Plemmons in loving memory of Mary Roberts

Varner and Lynne Richards to the Glory of God

Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Roenfeldt in loving memory of our parents: Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roenfedlt and Mrs. Richard Osterholm

Connie and Tim Rollins to the Glory of God

Betty Singletary to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Earl Singletary and Bud Singletary

Debbie Suydam to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband Rusty; and in honor of our children, Kelly and Evans Davis, Thomas Suydam and Caroline Welden

Debbie Suydam in loving memory of my mother, Jean Hyatt Winter

Earline Suydam in loving memory of Rusty Suydam and in honor of Debbie, Thomas, Caroline, Kelly, and Evans

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY

Be Not Afraid

Filled with great joy *and fear*? This is how Matthew's gospel describes the disciples in the moments just after they learn that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. As churches across the world today fill with people, flowers, and music, an almost palpable sense of joy seems to fill the air . . . but fear? Where does fear fit into today's celebration?

Below the surface of the festivities, we all harbor far more fear than our Sunday best might reveal. As you take your place among this Christian assembly, the community around you is full of other people who struggle with fear, worry, and anxiety. Today in this assembly, there is fear about money, fear about relationships, fear about the larger changes taking place in our world, fear about belonging and being loved, fear about being good enough, smart enough, or talented enough, fear about illness and death, fear of being judged, even fear of religion and the church. Today's gospel shows us that we are not alone in our fear. Even as they rejoiced, the first disciples were afraid—afraid of the unknown, afraid of ways they had let Jesus down, afraid of what was coming next for them.

But to all of us, both the angels and Jesus himself say, "Do not be afraid!" In his human life, Jesus experienced the great fears we all live with every day. On the cross he faced the pain and suffering our greatest fears bring. But when he emptied that tomb on Easter morning, he also emptied death of its sting and our fears of their bite. Strengthened by each other, we are bold to proclaim that in Christ's victory, every path of death has been opened to new life. In every action of today's worship, we build up one another's faith and confidence that because Christ lives, our fears are coming to an end.