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hy do you look for the living
among the dead?



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Resurrection of Our Lord

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Service of Holy Eucharist

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform Pastor Rachel or Intern Jennifer.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

The Resurrection of Our Lord:

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,

renew us in grace,

and restore us to living in your holiness,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.



Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ

puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you

and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Hail Thee, Festival Day!” (ELW 394)

Stanzas 1-2 (Easter) & 3-4

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia. al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.**

The assembly is seated.

CHOIR ANTHEM: “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*”

(Music by Mark Schweizer, Words by Charles Wesley)

Trumpet Soloist: Richard Hopkins

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
 Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
 Raise your joys and triumphs high,
 Sing ye heavn’s, and earth, reply,
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

*Loves redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King,
Where, O death is now thy sting?
Hymns of praise now let us sing, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia,
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Angels sing and earth replies,
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up 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.

A reading from Acts.

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.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM HYMN “The Day of Resurrection!” (ELW 361)

The psalm for the day is sung.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

All children are welcome to come forward to hear a special message for them.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (ELW 172)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

The holy gospel 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.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” (ELW 382)

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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

On this most holy day, let us pray to God for the church, the earth, and all in need, that the whole world may know the resurrection that God promises to give.

A brief silence.

O God of life, pour the life of your Son's resurrection into the churches. Make visible the unity we have in you. Show to each denomination the strengths of the others.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give to the lands and seas the life of your continuing creation. Water the flowers of springtime, and nurture the growing crops. Bless all who protect your plants and animals.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant to all nations your life of peace. Keep us from war. Lead us into justice. Turn enemies into friends. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Visit the needy with your compassionate life. Feed the hungry. Nurse the sick. Protect the weak. Comfort the sorrowful. Attend the dying. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Raise up this assembly with the life of your Spirit. Reveal in our community the signs of Christ's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God of life, we praise you for the faithful who have met you in death. Bring us all through death into the life of your resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, we praise your life. We bless your mercy. We honor your power. Transform all that is dying with the joy of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (ELW 367) Stanzas 1 & 2

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

The table of life is spread before you.
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” (ELW 364)

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” (ELW 619)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that you make your home with us,
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,
that we may wipe away tears,
tend to those in mourning and pain,
seek the healing of the nations,
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.



SENDING HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (ELW 365)

The assembly stands.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE



TEXTS FOR NEXT WEEK:

First Reading—Acts 5:27-32

Psalm— Psalm 150

Second Reading—Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel—John 20:19-31

A WORD ABOUT THE GOSPEL TODAY

Routine Disrupted

Routine. What does this word evoke for you? Drudgery? Comfort? For many of us, life is saturated in routine. Think about your drive to work or to the grocery store. How many times have you made that trip and didn't even realize you were making it, like you could make it with your eyes closed? We are creatures of habit.

So were the women that morning on the first day of the week. They're doing what was traditionally done after someone dies. After death, you dress the body in spices and ointments. You go to the tomb. It's just what you do. It's all part of the routine. Like well-rehearsed mourners, the women go on with their work until they are stopped in their tracks by the angels. "He is not here," they say, "but has risen" (Luke 24:5). Routine disrupted.

The resurrection is a colossal disruption of all our routines. At the tomb, it disrupted the women's burial procedures. There was no longer a need for spices. It disrupted their plans for the rest of the week . . . really, for the rest of their lives! The routine visitation of death was halted and a whole new realm of possibilities opened up.

Routine disrupted. What does this phrase evoke for you? Anxiety? Shouts of praise? For the women, it was cause for spreading the news of Jesus' resurrection. For Peter, it sparked enough curiosity to go to the tomb and see it for himself. But for the other disciples, it was impossible. Death's finality was so ingrained in them that they could not possibly believe the women's stories. It takes some adjusting when routines are disrupted.

The resurrection changes everything. It reroutes our routines. It might take some getting used to, but death has been defeated! We can leave the spices behind. Alleluia!

COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

Hans Nielsen Hauge, Renewer of the Church, died 1824

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

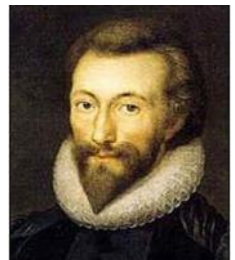
Hauge was a layperson who wished to revitalize the church in Norway. As a result of a mystical experience, he felt called to preach. Many professionals in the church feared his motives and influence, and he was imprisoned for leading unauthorized gatherings.



John Donne, Poet, died 1631

Thursday, March 31, 2016

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.



Serving the Church

THIS WEEK—March 27, 2016

Preacher: Pastor Rachel Larson
Lector: 8:00AM Intern Jennifer Michael
10:30AM Sharon Leder
Acolyte: 8:00AM Connor Frick
10:30AM Kent Henry
Ushers: 8:00AM Jennie Lawrence
Mark Rehwaldt
10:30AM Mike Smith
Charles Nye
Greeters: 8:00AM Mike Nutter
Janet Talbott
10:30AM Debbe, Lindsay,
& Lily Conyers
Nursery: 8:00AM Rosalind Kidwell
10:30AM Rosalind Kidwell

NEXT WEEK—April 3, 2016

Preacher: Intern Jennifer Michael
Lector: 8:00AM Judi Weatherwax
10:30AM Mark Lyford
Acolyte: 8:00AM Marygrace Buckner
10:30AM Makayla Renneisen
Ushers: 8:00AM Maia Anderson
Marie Frick
10:30AM Bob Campbell
Mike Smith
Greeters: 8:00AM Bobbie Schimek
Al Schimek
10:30AM Jason Sherwood
Teresa Sherwood
Nursery: 8:00AM Hailey Anderson
10:30AM Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: Charles Nye & Diahann Jablin

Altar Guild: Debbe & Lindsay Conyers

Coffee Fellowship: Easter Breakfast

Flowers provided by: Resurrection Garden Participants

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.