

# ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY OF RESURRECTION APRIL 9, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME



RESURRECTION RESPONSORY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Let us praise our God who has given us life and hope  
by raising Jesus from the dead.

**Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.**

We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

O God, you have claimed us as your own

**and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**HYMN ELW #365 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY**

**Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly King, Alleluia!**

**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!**

**Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pain which He endured, Alleluia!**

**Our salvation hath procured, Alleluia!**

**Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!**

**Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins*  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.

### **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ,  
For these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with mercy and forgiveness.

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts.

Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN ELW #365 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY verse 4**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**

**Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!**

**Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!**

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

## 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.**

## 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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## WORD

### ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All 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.**

### PSALM 118

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever!

**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my song; and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly;**

**the right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly.”**

**I shall not die, but I shall live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

**I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.

**I give thanks to you for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord this has been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When 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.**

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## **SERMON**

**HYMN: ELW # 364 CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA**

**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***

The angel said to them, "Do not fear.  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bear.  
Only the grave clothes are lying there". *Refrain*

"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*

Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.

He 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

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made to preserve and protect the land, water and air.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Gather your reconciling spirit around Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Palestine. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, for refugees and asylum seekers, for all recovering from severe storms, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially the family and friends of Sylvia Limpert, and for Ingrid, Bryan, Wayne and Yvonne, Harold and Margaret, and all we name before you.....

*pause*

Assure them of your promises.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community.

Risen Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE and OFFERING

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Holy Love, Holy Wonder,

out of silence and emptiness you created the heavens and the earth.

The oceans sing your praise. The rivers chant your glory.

Out of Abraham and Sarah's dead end, you made promises,  
you granted laughter, you brought forth descendants to continue your story.

Out of the deathly power of oppression and slavery you liberated your people  
and blessed them with water, bread, wine.

Out of their lifeless wandering from your justice and mercy  
you sent them prophets who sang poems that serenaded them back to you.

In your great compassion for every tribe and nation, you sent Jesus,  
to bring everyone out of the tomb of hatred and sin and into a life of your love.

He fully embodied your compassion,

lifting up the poor, raising up the lowly, forgiving the sinner, suffering and dying  
so that no one need suffer injustice and fear anymore.

Out of the death of his own tomb,

you raised him up so your story of love will not end.

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.

Together with one voice, we celebrate the paschal mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit to fill us with the joy of the resurrection.  
Grant us hope beyond our comprehension.  
Bless these gifts of bread and wine,  
so that the endless life and love of Jesus may dwell in us,  
and flow from us through acts of love for our neighbours.

Holy God, Holy Love, Holy Wonder,  
we give you more praise than we can utter,  
as we await that great day when the feast of your love  
has no walls, no exceptions, no end,  
when we gather with Christ, by the Spirit, and know life in you:  
love that cannot die,  
love that enlivens our weary bones,  
love that exceeds every hope and dream,  
love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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

### **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.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words*  
*“the body of Christ given for you”      “the blood of Christ shed for you”*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

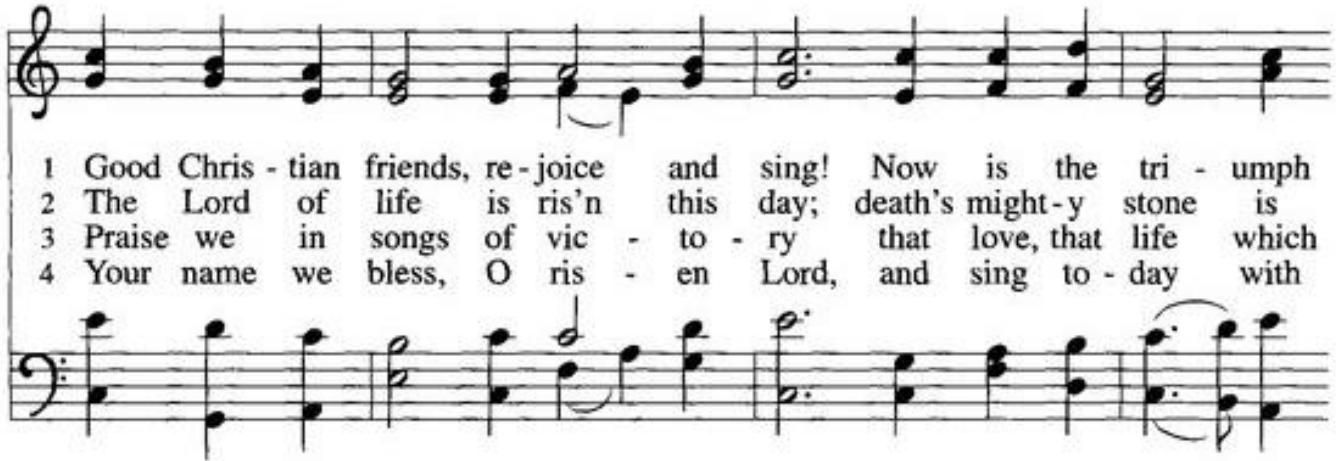
Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

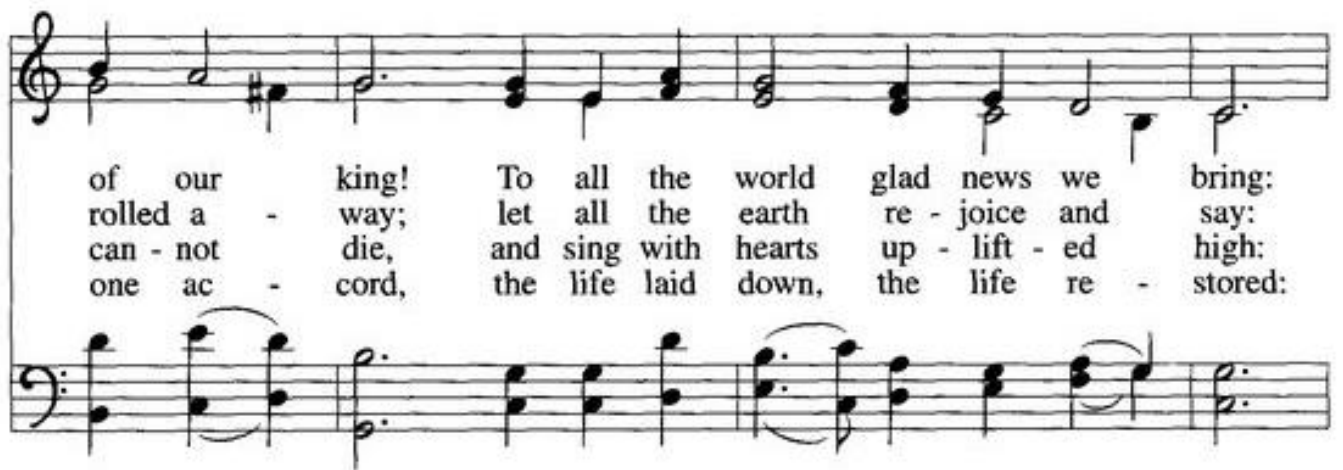
The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of your Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! 385



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

