# **RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



Easter Day March 31, 2024 10:00 AM

## WELCOME!

Welcome to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here!

If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor and feel at home among us. There are two abbreviations used for hymns and service elements in this bulletin: **ELW** stands for **E**vangelical Lutheran Worship, which is the red hymnal, and **ACS** is All Creation Sings, which is the blue songbook.

The assembly gathers in seating in the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance; wearing face masks is optional.

Following worship, please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs. An usher can direct you to the elevator.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!



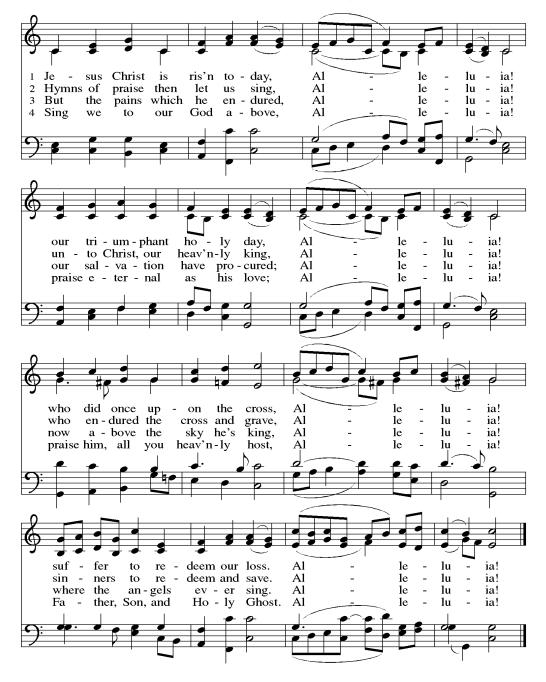
## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY: "Easter Hymn" Phillip Moore

#### **WELCOME**

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

#### GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW 365)



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

## *GREETING* Christ is risen, Alleluia! **Christ 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.** 

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE:* This is the Feast of Victory (ELW p. 101)



## 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.



## FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who is God-fearing and does what is right is acceptable to God. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>Jesus 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

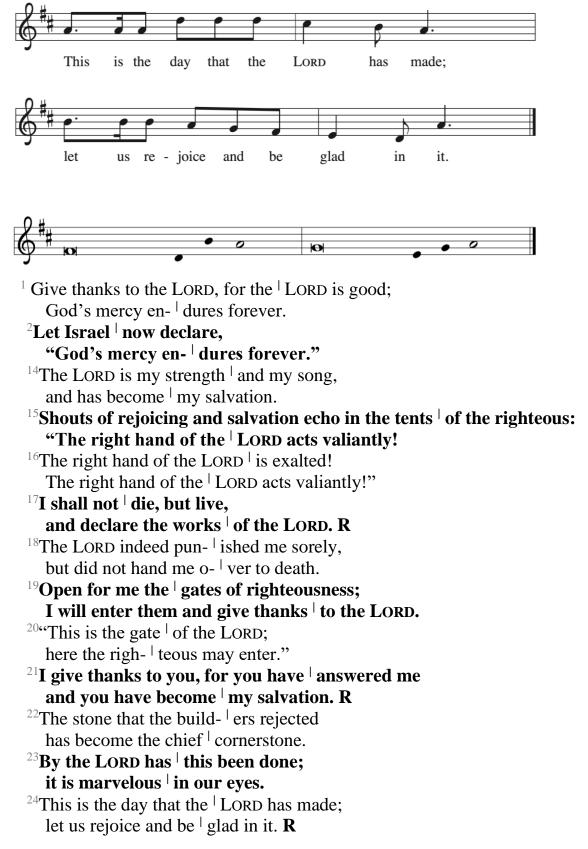
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The Psalm is sung responsively by whole verse.

#### Refrain

Tone



## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

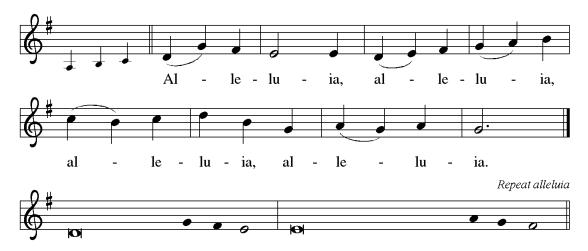
<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, Christ appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 



#### *GOSPEL ACCLAMATION* (ELW p. 142) *The assembly sings the Alleluias. Cantor sings the proper verse.*



Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.\* Therefore, let us keep the feast.

## GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a youth, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But the youth said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**SERMON** 

Rev. Harry Therwanger

HYMN OF THE DAY: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (ELW 385)



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*CREED:* Nicene Creed (ELW p. 104)

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 festival of Christ's resurrection, let us offer our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response "Christ is risen indeed."

We praise you for the global church and for all the newly baptized around the world. And we pray that you send the Spirit of the resurrection into every assembly of the baptized. Give hope especially to all who are suffering for the faith, for Christ is risen:

## Christ is risen indeed.

We praise you for the wondrous earth, with its myriad plants and animals, that you continuously create. And we pray for everything in nature that is endangered, for places of drought, flood, or fire, and for animals whose habitat is threatened. Form us into caretakers who protect your lands and seas, for Christ is risen: **Christ is risen indeed.** 

We praise you for the times of peace that you grant. And we pray for everyone who suffers from war, from gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen indeed.

We praise you for the food that you provide. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for migrants, for the people who live on our streets, that they all may be fed. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen:

#### Christ is risen indeed.

We praise you for our access to vaccines and medical care. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you: . . . Accompany all who face suffering and sorrow, for Christ is risen:

## Christ is risen indeed.

We praise you for your words to the women at the tomb, to your people of every age, and to each one of us. Speak now to our hearts, and receive our silent prayers: [*keep a time of silence*]...., for Christ is risen:

## Christ is risen indeed.

We remember before you John Donne, whose writings inspire us to believe, and we praise you for all who have died in the faith. And we pray that at the end of all things you raise us with all the saints to rejoice in your presence forever, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

**PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, by bowing to each other, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.



## **OFFERTORY**

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" Ryan Kelly

## **OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE**

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

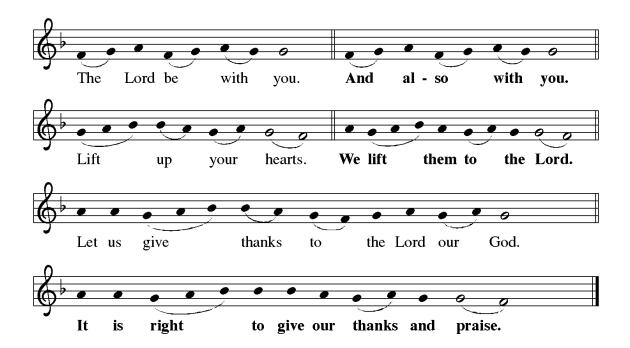
## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

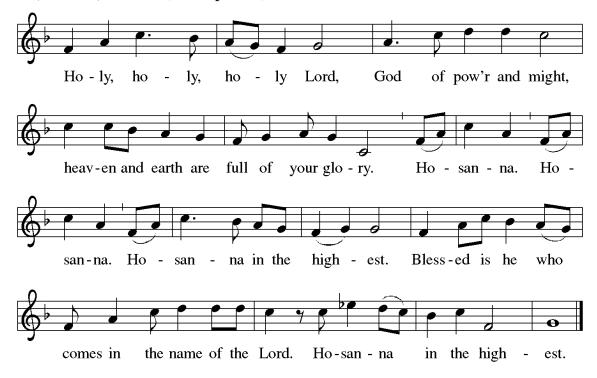


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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)





## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

#### Amen, amen, amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

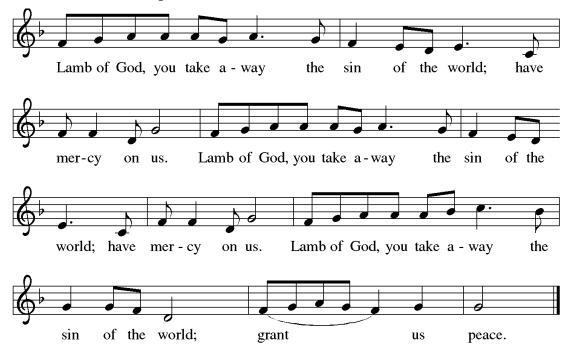
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister may place the bread in your open palm. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, please do not dip the bread into the wine. You may elect to commune by receiving the bread only. Gluten free hosts are also available. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors. You may elect to come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms, placing your palms on your chest.

#### **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 (ELW p.146)





HYMN DURING COMMUNION: Welcome Table (ACS 969)



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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

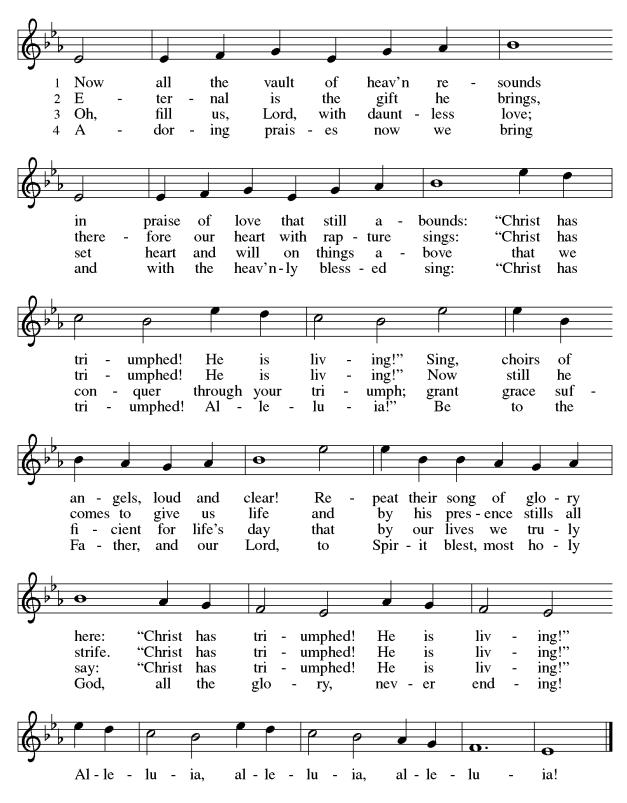
## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 



SENDING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)



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

## **CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

"Final" (from Symphony for Organ, #1), op. 14, Louis Vierne



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#### **Readings for the Coming Week:**

#### Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

#### Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

#### 1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

#### John 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

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## March 31, 2024 10:00 AM

Harry Therwanger Glen Mason Mike Hirschberg Casey Halloran Mike Hirschberg and Dave Oaks Randy Brooke Presiding Minister Assisting Minister Reader Cantor Communion Assistants Lock-Up, starting March 31

## Attendance: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 92 Live Stream Views – 6 | Views after Streaming – 12

Our worship service is regularly video recorded and posted online.

Printed copies of the weekly announcements are available from the ushers.

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