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# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4, 2021



*Heavenly Cross by Lee Davis*

**Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...**  
*an adventure for life!*

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **In Preparation for Worship**

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

### **Pandemic Safety Protocols**

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

Lord of the Dance  
Piano Duet

arr. John Carter

**Welcome**

# Hymn

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

*Refrain*



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



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 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.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

Ever-living God, we sing the miracle of the empty tomb: Christ is alive! And so we sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring – Love, drowned in death, shall never die! Hallelujah!

**Amen**

## **WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**

### **Reading**

**Isaiah 25:6-9** (Common English Bible, alt.)

A reading from Isaiah

On this mountain,

The LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples  
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,  
of select foods rich in flavor,  
of choice wines well refined.

God will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,  
the shroud enshrouding all nations.

God will swallow up death forever.

The LORD God will wipe tears from every face, and  
will remove the people's disgrace from off the whole earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

They will say on that day,

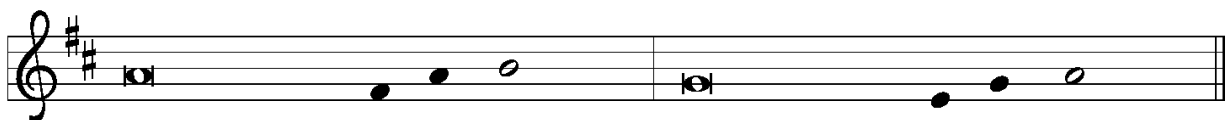
"Look! This is our God,  
for whom we have waited—  
and God has saved us!

This is the LORD, for whom we have waited;  
let's be glad and rejoice in this salvation!"

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

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



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Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**Let Israel | now declare,  
“God’s mercy en- | dures 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 live,  
and declare the works | of the LORD.

The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver 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 righ- | teous 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 has | this 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.

**Gospel****Mark 16:1-8** (Common English Bible)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ****Message*****WANTED, AND WISHED FOR, AND WAITED FOR***

Dave Shull, Pastor

The ultimate reason for our hope is not to be found at all in what we want, wish for and wait for; the ultimate reason is that we are wanted and wished for and waited for... Whenever we base our hope on trust in the divine mystery, we feel deep down in our hearts: there is someone who is waiting for you, who is hoping for you, who believes in you. We are waited for as the prodigal son in the parable is waited for by his father. We are accepted and received, as a mother takes her children into her arms and comforts them.

God is our last hope because we are God's first love. We are God's dream for this world; [we are] God's image on the earth God loves

(Jurgen Moltmann, *The Source of Life*, Fortress Press, 1997, pp. 40-41).



## **Ministry of Music**

**8:30 am**

The Day of Resurrection  
Chime Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

**11:00 am**

Run to the Garden    Roger Thornhill, Brad Nix  
Senior Choir

Run, run, run, run to the garden. Hear the music in the air.  
Come, come, come, come to the garden. There is glory everywhere.  
At the breaking of the day, an angel rolled the stone away.  
Death no longer has a say. Run to the garden of life.

Run, run, run, run to the garden. All creation greets the King.  
Come, come, come, come to the garden. Hear the alleluias ring.  
Now our hope has been restored. Death has dropped its fearsome sword.  
Celebrate the risen Lord. Run to the garden of life.

Come and see the garden, see the roses bloom.  
See the snow-bright angel guard the empty tomb.  
Christ is alive! Lift voices to the sky.  
Bring an alleluia! Praise the Lord of life.

Run, run, run, run to the garden. Hear the music in the air.  
Come, come, come, come to the garden. There is glory everywhere.  
Christ, the Lord, is risen! Run to the garden of life!

## Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

People of God, do you renounce Evil?

**I renounce it!**

Do you renounce all of the ways Evil tries to convince you lies are truths?

**I renounce them!**

Do you renounce all of Evil's empty promises?

**I renounce them!**

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Blessing of the Water

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. (*Creation: breathing on the water*)

When the Hebrew people were in slavery, you liberated them by separating the waters and leading them to freedom on dry land. (*Exodus: dividing the water with the hand*)

In obedience to Jesus' command, you call us to make the love and justice of Jesus real in the world, so we might join with him to make disciples of all people (*Great Commission: water flung in four directions*), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all (*Trinitarian Blessing: dipping the Christ candle in the font*).

By your Spirit, adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Community Prayers

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker and Cathy Oldham, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Barbara and David Hairston, Ken and Grace Jones, Dora Pinder and family, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe.

## Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.  
Please be sensitive to those who may need a gentle touch.

## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

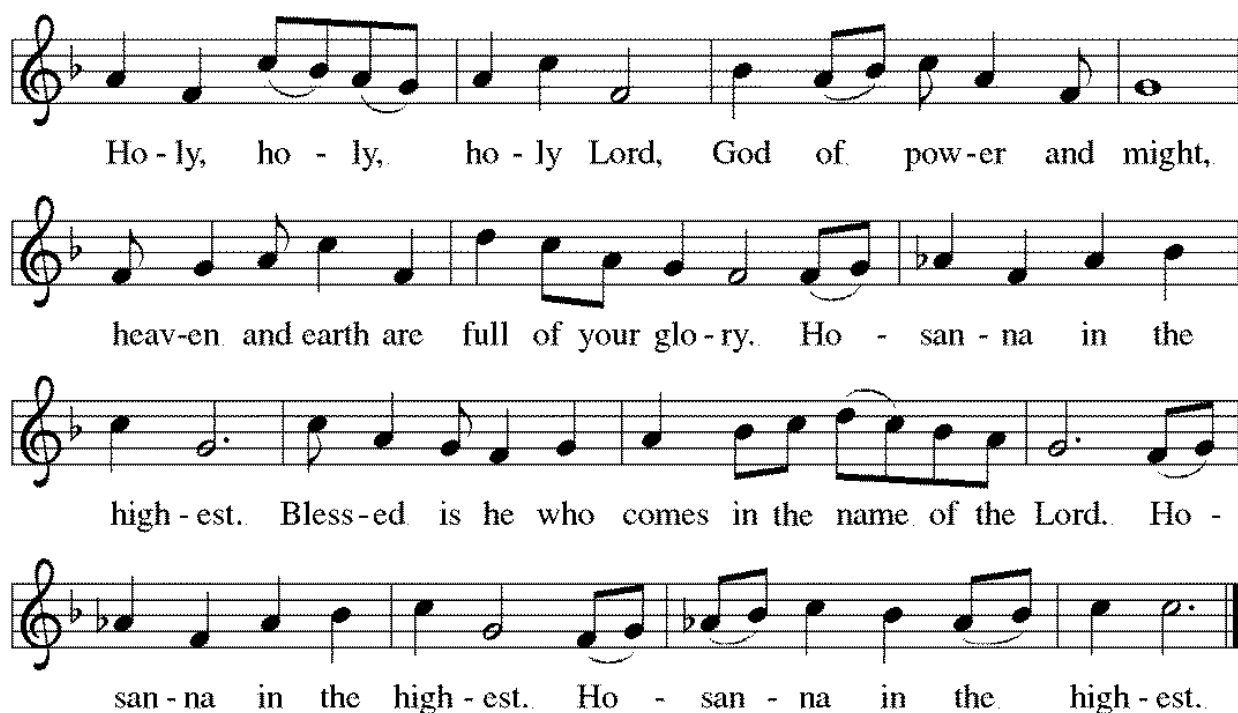
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours become one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Before the bright dawn in the garden – in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb – by which Love was swallowed, before the black horror of the cross – on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden – through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ's Love and be transformed by Christ's Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

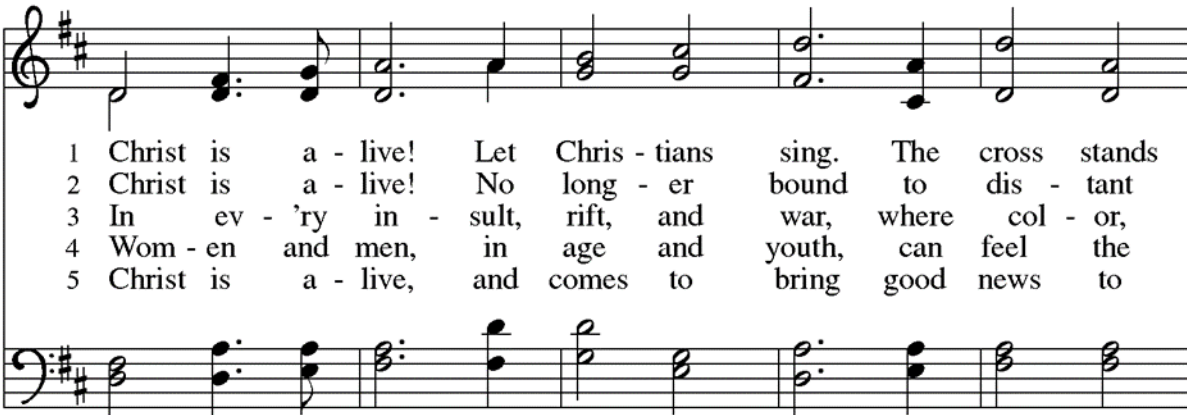
### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

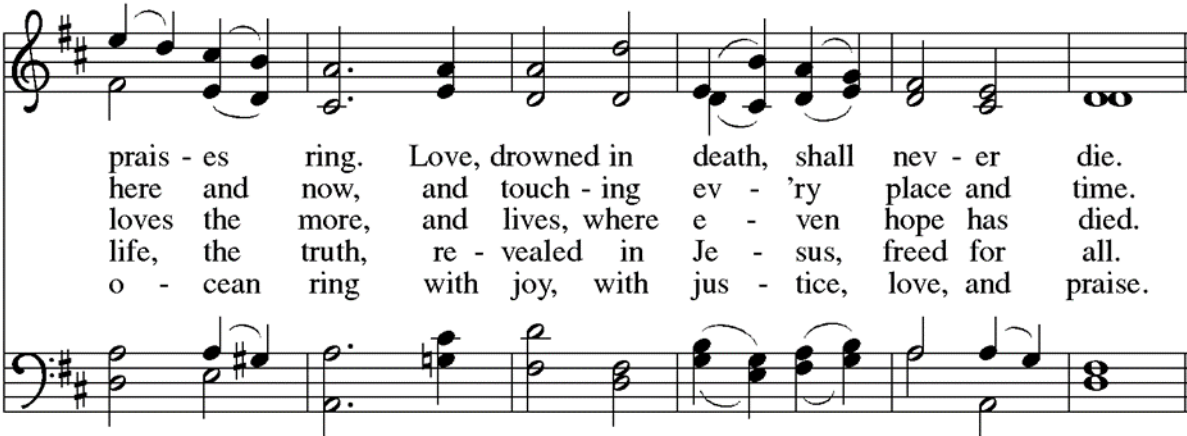
### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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**Blessing**

**Amen**

**Sending Announcements**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

**Alleluia, Sing to Jesus  
Piano Duet**

arr. John Carter

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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***Exploring the Psalms***  
**We'd love to have you join us!**

**Tuesdays – 1:00 pm**  
**Room 2**



***LSS Food Pantry***

***First Wednesdays***  
***1-4 pm***

***Contact Kathleen Zwanziger***  
***to volunteer***

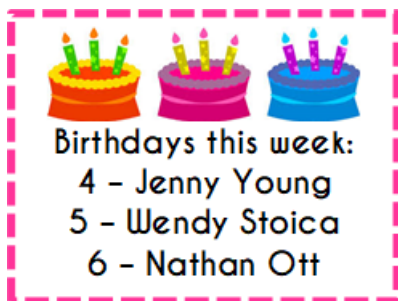
## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor	
Assisting Minister	Jon Disbro	Karen Collins
ASL Interpreter		Bryan Neal
Reader	Jon Disbro	Karen Collins
Cantor		Emily Kent
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp	
Pianist & Chimes Choir Director	Karen Kent	
Producers	Tom Mimplitch, Sue Yehling	

*The Paschal candle is given by **Robin Stokes** in memory of  
Hilda Stokes, Robert Stokes, Jane Cenci, and Gerry Stokes.  
Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 4 - 11

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 am	In-Person Worship with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	5:00 pm	ZOOM Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:00 pm	<b>RLC at LSS Food Pantry</b>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	10:00 am	In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	ZOOM Adult Education



**Adult Sunday School**  
11:15 am Sundays

**DEAR CHURCH:**  
**A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to  
the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.**

This week **concluding our discussion.**  
Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting  
Time: 11:15 AM

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