



***WELCOME TO***



**GLORIA DEI**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
GATHERING IN CHRIST † SHARING HIS LOVE

# **Resurrection Of Our Lord**

## **April 20, 2025**

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**We welcome all who worship with us. If you are a guest, we are especially glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Our worship is always enhanced by new faces and voices. If you are already a part of our church family, welcome home.**

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## **Prelude: Voluntary**

## **WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

### **ENTRANCE RITE**

#### **BLESSING OF PASCHAL CANDLE**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

The new Paschal candle is lit.

*The presiding minister may trace the inscription on the paschal candle, which is held by an assisting minister.*

Christ, yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the ending.  
To Christ belongs all time  
and all the ages;  
to Christ belongs glory and dominion  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen  
One.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 365 "Jesus Christ Is  
Risen Today"**

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW page 213 "Glory to God"**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

### FIRST READING: 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.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."

- <sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of  
the righteous:  
“The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!
- <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord<sup>l</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord. **R**
- <sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.
- <sup>20</sup>“This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation. **R**
- <sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- <sup>23</sup>By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. **R**

## **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.*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 174 "Celtic Alleluia"**

*Choir signs Vs. 1*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his 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.**

*The gospel concludes:*  
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: ELW 373 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"**



## **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**

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each.*

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.  
The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

Deuteronomy 16:17

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord, your God, which he has given you.

### OFFERTORY: ELW 465 “As the Grains of Wheat”

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads in prayer. Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS: ELW 525 "You Are Holy"**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*The presiding minister leads the Eucharistic Prayer*

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, all say:*

**Amen.**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)**

*(Those who wish may hold hands as a sign of Christian unity).*

**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

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

## LAMB OF GOD: ACS pg. 40 Setting 12 "Be known to us, Lord Jesus"

**SON**



Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.



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

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All Baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Those who do not wish to commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (fold your arms over your chest).*

*The Body is available as bread or gluten-free Host. The Blood is available as wine (large chalices) or non-alcoholic juice (small chalice). Today, worshipers may receive Communion via "intinction" only, dipping the Host into the Chalice.*

**HYMN: ELW 379 "Now the Green Blade Rises"**  
**Choir: I Will Rejoice**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Please stand at the invitation to pray:*

Let us pray.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *see insert*

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: ELW 376 "Thine Is the Glory"**

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude: Voluntary**

***The end of Worship –  
The beginning of Christian Ministry.***

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## ***SERVING TODAY***

|                           |                  |   |
|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Pastor:</b>            |                  | Pastor Lynn M. Fonfara  |
| <b>Music Director:</b>    |                  | Len Cremisio  |
| <b>Asst. Ministers:</b>   | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> |   |
| Reader:                   |                  | MaryJane Kancel   |
| Crucifer:                 |                  | Leone Goding  |
| Communion Assistant:      |                  |   |
| Assisting Minister:       |                  | Ellen Clement   |
| <b>Ushers:</b>            | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | Crystal Kirkpatrick, Byron Kirkpatrick<br>Craig Carlson, John Kelly |
| <b>Altar Care:</b>        |                  | Crystal & Byron Kirkpatrick, Craig Carlson                          |
| <b>Post Worship Sec.:</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> | Joy Yonko   |
| <b>Counters:</b>          |                  | Arlene Kelly  |
| <b>Greeters:</b>          | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> |   |
| <b>Fellowship:</b>        |                  |   |

**Communion Wine:** For March in Loving Memory of Allen, Emma & Helen Weber Given by Nancy & MaryJean Kancel

**Altar Flowers:** 2/23- June & Jim Rieb in honor of Mardi Yance, Happy Birthday.

3/2- Bernadine Kirkpatrick in loving memory of Clarence Kirkpatrick. Happy Birthday.

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