## The Resurrection of Our Lord ~ ~ April 9, 2023~ ~

St. John’s Lutheran Church, Saginaw & St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Canyon

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Dialog**

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

***C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

P: He is alive! Christ is alive! He has made the unbelievable, believable. God’s power shone forth on the third day. Christ is alive!

By his wounds we are healed. The wounds which we inflicted.

Wounds of doubt.

Wounds of rebellion.

Wounds of the flesh.

Wounds of the heart.

Wounds of the mind.

He carried our pain.

And now by his wounds, we are healed.

Today we rejoice for Christ is our salvation.

The wood.

The nails.

The tomb.

Nothing could keep him in the grave. He has conquered death.

Today we praise God for the triumphed Christ.

Today we rejoice that death no longer stings.

Today we find comfort in a Savior who has gone before us and who will come again!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

***C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***

***Opening Hymn “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*** ELW #365

Vs. 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
 our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
 who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
 suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Vs. 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
 unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
 who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
 sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Vs. 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
 our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
 now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!  
 where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Vs. 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
 praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
 praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**Greeting** ELW pg. 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Kyrie**  ELW pg. 138

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

***C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

***C: Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise** ELWpg. 138

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**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.

**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.*

34Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

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

1Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**2Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

14The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**15Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

16The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**17I shall not die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

18The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**19Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

20"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**21I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

22The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**23By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

24This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

1If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, 3for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**  ELW Page 142

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the

words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

1After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." 8So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Hallelujah” (Easter)*** Kelley Mooney

A crown of thorns placed on His head  
He knew that He would soon be dead  
He said did you forget me Father did you?  
They nailed Him to a wooden cross  
Soon all the world would feel the loss  
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah

***Chorus Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, hallelujah***

He hung His head and prepared to die  
Then lifted His face up to the sky  
Said I am coming home now Father to you  
A reed which held His final sip  
Was gently lifted to his lips  
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory ***Chorus***

The soldier who had used his sword  
To pierce the body of our Lord  
Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior  
He looked with fear upon his sword  
Then turned to face his Christ and Lord  
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah ***Chorus***

Took from his head the thorny crown  
And wrapped him in a linen gown  
And laid him down to rest inside the tomb  
The holes in his hands, his feet and side  
Now in our hearts we know he died  
To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah ***Chorus***

Three days went by again they came  
To move the stone to bless the slain  
With oil and spice anointing hallelujah  
But as they went to move the stone  
They saw that they were not alone  
But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah ***Chorus (2x)***

**Nicene Creed** ELW pg. 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 he is worshipped 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 the People**

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized (*especially*)

and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise (*especially*), free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

***Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” WOV #775 ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

***C: And also with you.***

**Offering *“We Give Thee but Thine Own” vs. 1*** ELW #686

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone a trust, O Lord from thee.

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** ELW pg. 145

P: The Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

P: Lift up your hearts.

***C: We lift them to the Lord.***

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Words of Institution**

P: 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.***

**Lord’s Prayer** ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has 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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***” ELW #367

Vs. 1 Now all the vault of Heav'n resounds

in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has

triumphed!  He is living!" Sing, choirs of

angels, loud and clear!  Repeat their song of glory

here: "Christ has triumphed!  Christ has triumphed!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,

therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has

triumphed!  He is living!" Now still he

comes to give us life and by his presence stills all

strife. Christ has triumphed!  He is living!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;

set heart and will on things above That we

conquer through your triumph; Grant grace

sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly

say: "Christ has triumphed!  He is living!"  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 4 Adoring praises now we bring

and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has

triumphed!  Alleluia!" Be to the

Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy

God, All the glory, never ending!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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