

# The Resurrection of Our Lord



*L.Y.N.*

**Love Your Neighbor**

*Wear a mask, Wash your hands, Respect Space,  
Get Vaccinated!*

**St. Matthew Trinity Lutheran Church**

April 4, 2021

## **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!*

## **Welcome and Preludes**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign 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 may be 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 your 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**

## 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

### **Apostolic Greeting II Corinthians 13:14**

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**

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

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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."

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God!**

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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### 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 1st Corinthians.

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, 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.

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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he

appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his 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. 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** *Stanza 1& 2*

## Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

### Gospel: John 20:1-18

*This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.*

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.

### **Thine Is the Glory**

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;

make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry  
thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

## Meditation

**Albrecht Dürer** *The Resurrection* (woodcut) died 1528; His life is celebrated  
by the Church on April 6.



## Hymn

## This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once w  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. It features a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. There are several slurs and phrasing marks throughout the piece. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

### Prayers

**Remember in your prayers and with acts of kindness:**

- **Ernie Jackson & Carla Pantophlet-Laban** (friends of Jenn Solaas and Ken Nilsen) as they recover from lasting Covid symptoms.
- **Pat** (friend of Leslie Neve) diagnosed with breast cancer that has metastasized

- **Sister Mary** (friend of Leslie Neve) suffering recurrent heart problems, arrhythmias
- The family and friends of **Clay Edens** (Pastor's cousin)
- **Ken Nilsen** (member) as he recovers from knee surgery
- **Richard Long** (member) as he recovers from knee replacement surgery
- **Guy Schwane** (friend of Irene Murray) diagnosed with cancer
- **Jim Saha** (friend of Leslie Neve) recently diagnosed with cancer
- The family and friends of **John Weakland** (Brian Weakland's father)
- **Sheila** (friend of Leslie Neve)
- Humberto, the family, and friends of **Richard Brode**
- **Dena Calabrese** (friend of Irene Murray)
- **Carol** (friend of Leslie Neve)
- **Zoia "Charlie" Foster** (Pastor's niece)
- **Joanne Krayner** (Joel's cousin)

**Those in our community lost to COVID-19 and the more than 2,100 in Hudson County, 545,000 deaths in our country, and those who suffer worldwide: Gilberto and Janet Diaz-Granados** (friends of pastor), **Francis Ng** (friend of Dan Stoll), **Charles Powers** (friend of the Meusel family), **Rosa Reyes** (funeral by our parish), **Richard Altomare** (friend from our neighborhood), **Barbara Wolfshorndl** (funeral by our parish), **Dawn Ennis** (sister-in-law of Pamela Pater-Ennis), **Arthur Jusu-Davies** (member), **Florence Dombrowsky** (funeral by our parish), **John Lescinsky** (friend of Courtney Kochuba), **Jaime Pombo** (friend of our parish), and **Raymond Kandler** (friend of Leslie Neve).

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection, offering our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response "Christ is risen indeed."

*A brief silence.*

We praise you for the gift of 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 us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. And we pray for

everything in nature that is endangered, from the undersea coral to the elephants of Africa. 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 and freedom that you have granted to us. And we pray for everyone who suffers from yet more 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 for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for teenage 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 a lessening of the pandemic and for the availability of vaccines. And we pray for everyone who is still contracting the coronavirus, for healthcare workers, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for each day of health and well-being. 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: especially we remember Martin Luther King, Jr. whose martyrdom we remember today (*other names may be remembered*) . . . Accompany all who face troubles and sorrows, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for your words to Isaiah, to Paul and Peter, to Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb, and to each one of us. Receive now, we pray, our silent prayers, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith, especially Benedict the African. 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.**

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6, Luke 11***

Lord remember us in your glory and make us bold to pray...

**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.**

*Or*

**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.**

### **Announcements**

- Virtual Sunday School
- Offering

### **Benediction**

May our glorious God grant us a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

**Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

## *Easter Celebration Contributors to the Music Ministry*

**Katie Colaneri**

In memory of **Richard Brode** and  
**Angel Ortiz**

**Amy Ertel**

In memory of **Taylor Ertel** and **Allen Ertel**  
In honor of **Peter, Abraham and Sara Ertel**

**Courtney Kochuba**

In memory of  
**Edward L. Sr. and Eleanor Kochuba,**  
**Alvin and Milly Germaux,**  
**Walter and Helen Schratz,** and  
**Richard Brode**

**Gary LeCroy**

In memory of **Scott Nessel, Kirtis Goff and**  
**Clay Edens**

**Melissa Long**

In memory of **Anna Mae Long** and  
**Richard Brode**

**Susan and Richard Long**

In memory of **Richard Brode**

**Jennifer Marsh**

In memory of **Lynne Connell**

**Terri Matteo**

In memory of **Richard Brode**  
In honor of her mother, **Clare George,** and  
**her children and grandchildren**

**Jennifer Meusel**

In memory of **Richard Brode** and  
**Joyce Lewis**

**Mary Jo Rhodes**

In memory of **Richard Brode**

**The Pickerel Family**

In memory of Sarah's grandmother,  
**Elfrieda Pagenkopf**

In honor of  
**Nicholas and Hazel's birthdays** and  
**Dan and Sarah's wedding anniversary**

**Patricia Schleifer**

In memory of **Madelyn Laub** and  
**Evelyn Schleifer**

**Rebeka Schleifer**

In memory of her father, **Thomas Schleifer**

**Julia Wittenberg**

In honor of **Pastor Gary LeCroy**

A contribution to LTM by  
**Diana Walla**

In memory of **Pastor Bruekner and Emma  
Kunze Hafemann**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor as yourself.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Serving Today*

*The Rev. Gary C. LeCroy, D. Min., Presiding*

*Matthew Hummel, Guest Organist*

*Jason Meusel, Strings*

*Bernadette Oberndorf and Courtney Kochuba, Cantors*

*Mark Singleton, Worship Assistant*

*Sarah Reever Picherel, Lector*

*Leslie Neve, Usher*

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

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

**Tuesday** (commemoration of Albrecht Dürer, 1528; Matthias Grünewald, 1529; Lucas Cranach, 1553; artists) 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

**Wednesday** Mark 16:1-8.

**Thursday** Psalm 133.

**Friday** (commemoration of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, 1945) Daniel 2:1-23.

**Saturday** (commemoration of Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557) John 12:44-50.

**Second Sunday of Easter** Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 — 2:2; John 20:19-31.

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589**

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

**Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists**

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945**

**Friday, April 9, 2021**

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

**Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

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