

YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS
BY OBEYING THE TRUTH IN ORDER TO
SHOW SINCERE MUTUAL LOVE

*So love one another
earnestly from
a pure heart*

1 PETER 1:22

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A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May 2020 Resurrection will be celebrating forty two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

The Lessons and Liturgy Today

Jesus joined two disciples who were discussing what had happened in Jerusalem. He interpreted for them His death and resurrection through the Old Testament before revealing Himself in the breaking of the bread. Every day we have the opportunity to walk with Jesus and listen to Him speak to us through Scripture. And every day we have the opportunity to speak with Him in prayer. Today's readings are a reminder of just how close we are to Jesus in Word, Sacrament, and prayer.

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2020

PREPARING TO COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Joy Is Come! – A. Carter

Harmonia Deum
Sanctuary Choir

To listen click <https://bit.ly/2x3uYC2>

Joy is come! Eastertide!
Sing we all far and wide,
See the stone rolled aside,
Christ our Lord is risen,
Bursting from his prison.
Let the sound, Ring around,
And the song now rebound:
Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter Day!
Join the dance, homage pay,
Christ the Lord lights our way,
From the tomb now breaking,
Satan's power shaking.
Let the song, Echo long,
Shout it loud, Sing it strong:
Christ the Lord is risen!

Joy is come! Easter morn!
With your Lord greet the dawn,
He endured crown of thorns
And the bitter nailing,
Faithful and unfailing.
Tidings tell, Chant it well,
Risen Christ in us dwell,
O'er the cross prevailing.

Easter joy may we bring,
Welcome, Lord, heaven's King
Winter turns into Spring,
Darkness overtaking,
And our spirits waking,
Praises flow, Voices grow,
Sounding far, "Gloria
In Excelsis Deo!"

WELCOME

GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN

Open the Eyes of My Heart – P. Baloche

Refrain

**Open the eyes of my heart, LORD;
open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You,
I want to see You**

Stanza

**To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory -
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing holy, holy, holy:**

Ending

**Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You**

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us come into God's Presence today with penitent hearts and minds, asking for His Grace and Mercy in our lives.
- C **Lord God, Heavenly Father, we freely admit that sin in our lives is troubling. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. We have done what we should not have done, and we have failed to do what is expected of us. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us. Renew us. Strengthen us in our daily walk to Life Everlasting. Amen.**
- P To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His Blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, even our Lord Jesus Christ, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
As a Called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF PRAISE

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

1. With high delight Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
2. True God, He first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory
O'er death and grave," Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

**3. Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.
Give to Your faithful people, who have been rescued from the peril of everlasting death, gladness forever and eternal joy. We pray though Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(Peter calls for repentance and baptism in the Name of the risen Christ.)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, Whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

GRADUAL

- P Christ has risen from the dead.
- C [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

- P He has given Him dominion over the works of His Hands;
- C He has put all things under His Feet.**

SECOND READING

I Peter 1:17-25

(We are redeemed by the Precious Blood of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.)

Since you call on a Father Who judges each man’s work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the Precious Blood of Christ, a Lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, Who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God. For, “*All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever.*” And this is the Word that was preached to you.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C Alleluia.
We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over Him.
Alleluia.
Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road,
while He opened to us the Scriptures?
Alleluia. *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

(The risen Lord Jesus appears to two disciples and explains how He is the way of salvation, having fulfilled the promises of Moses and the Prophets.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are You only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; but we had hoped that He was the One Who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His Body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see."

He said to them, "How foolish you are,
and how slow of heart to believe all that
the prophets have spoken!
Did not the Christ have to suffer these
things and then enter His Glory?"
And beginning with Moses and all the
Prophets,
He explained to them what was said in all
the Scriptures concerning Himself.
As they approached the village to which
they were going, Jesus acted as if he were
going farther.
But they urged Him strongly,
"Stay with us, for it is nearly evening;
the day is almost over."
So he went in to stay with them.
When He was at the table with them, He
took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
began to give it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they
recognized Him, and He disappeared
from their sight.
They asked each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us
while He talked with us on the road and
opened the Scriptures to us?"
They got up and returned at once to
Jerusalem.
There they found the Eleven and those
with them, assembled together and saying,
"It is true! The Lord has risen and has
appeared to Simon."
Then the two told what had happened on
the way, and how Jesus was recognized by
them when He broke the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

1. **Alleluia! Jesus is risen!**
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Refrain
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
2. **Walking the way, Christ in the center**
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, Giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Refrain

3. **Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

4. **Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: “O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

Refrain

5. **City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!**

Refrain

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SERMON

Today, We Love. Tomorrow... We Love

Vicar Alan Shaw

I Peter 1:17-25

Part 2 of a sermon series for the season of Easter: “Socially distant but spiritually close, in Christ.”

- I. Recap of last week.
- a. It’s natural, in times like this, to wring our hands and ask, “God, what are you up to?”
 - b. Focus on the sufficient grace and mercy of Christ and turn to God’s promises at work
 - i. Anxiety changes to _____ and _____
 - ii. Then we say, “Lord, what are you up to” with anticipation and excitement.

- II. Peter's readers were socially distant as well.
 - a. Peter and Paul are martyred soon after this letter
 - b. Jerusalem is destroyed by the Romans.
 - c. Followers of Jesus are socially out of sync with the world around them.
- III. Let's focus on Verse 22: "*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart...*"
 - a. Purified your soul is our Easter message. Our souls are purified by _____ and our obedience to _____ who is the Truth.
 - b. Love one another. Love is patient and kind but it's also _____
- IV. Social distancing can cause a return to a self-centered point of view. We may want to keep "our business" as "our business". We may say "we're fine" but we may be struggling from loneliness, depression, finances, home schooling
- V. Time for our _____ to kick in, serving our friends family and neighbors.
 - a. "Robots" movie has a line that says, "Find a need, _____ a need"
 - b. See "**What's Next**" below for some questions to get you started.
- VI. We're reminded still that the world is perishing
 - a. It started in the Garden of Eden and made things like pandemics possible
 - b. Pandemics are good are reminding us we are perishing as well
- VII. Thankfully, Isaiah continues "...the word of the Lord _____"
 - a. This word is imperishable and Peter tell us, "this word is the _____ that was preached to you"
 - b. The good news of Christ's death and resurrection
 - c. The good news of the ransoming of sins
 - d. The good news that purified our souls

What's Next? Consider these questions after service today:

- What else are you or your neighbors struggling with? Who needs to know?
- What needs are you finding as you look to your friends/family/neighbors? Can you fill that need? Do you need help filling that need?
- What's one thing you are willing to do today / this week to fill a need for someone?

Let us pray using the words from Philippians 4 verses 5-7. "*Let your gentleness be known to all people. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*".

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Ancient Apostles' Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ –
true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true Man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His Holy, Precious Blood
and with His innocent Suffering and Death,
that I may be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and
blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Mighty to Save – B. Fielding, R. Morgan

1. Everyone needs compassion,
a love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior,
the hope of nations:

Refrain

Savior, He can move the mountains -
My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation -
He rose and conquered the grave;
Jesus conquered the grave

2. Everyone needs compassion,
a love that's never failing;
let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior,
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Refrain

Savior, He can move the mountains -
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3. So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures,
fill my life again
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in,
now I surrender:

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

BENEDICTION

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN

Stay with Us

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1. Stay with us, till night has come:
Our praise to You this day be sung.
Bless our bread,
Open our eyes:
Jesus, be our great surprise.

2. Walk with us, our spirits sigh:
Hear when our weary spirits cry,
Feel again
Our loss, our pain:
Jesus, take us to Your side.

3. Walk with us, the road will bend:
Make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears,
Forgive our fears:
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

4. Talk with us, till we behold
A joyful life You will unfold:
Heal our eyes
To see the prize:
Jesus, take us to the light.

**5. Stay with us, till day is done:
No tears nor dark shall dim the sun.
Cheer the heart,
Your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.**

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P Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OFFERING (The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, and through the mail)

POSTLUDE

“*My Spirit Be Joyful*” from *The Easter Cantata* – J. S. Bach, arr. E. P. Biggs

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