

# The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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## **The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life**

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey  
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ  
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

**We welcome all who worship with us today.**

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,  
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

**Children are welcome and celebrated!**

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby  
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.  
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent  
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive. Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## Gathering Music

He Lives  
Spirit of Praise

Skinner, McClarney, & Smith

Praise the King  
Spirit of Praise

Voss, Bryce, Farren & Smith

Rejoice! He Is Risen!  
Spirit Ringers

Moklebust

## Welcome and Announcements

*We rise in body or spirit.*

## Easter Greeting and Gathering Dialog

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ is risen!

**Stones of fear are rolled away.**

Christ is risen!

**Walls of prejudice are broken down.**

Christ is risen!

**Doubts are affirmed; questions are allowed.**

Christ is risen!

**Those who were pushed aside are welcomed in.**

Christ is risen!

**Life will never be the same again!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, let us worship God!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

### Greeting and Prayer of the Day

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.**

We pray.

**Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give to us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.*

**Reading** Acts 10:34-43

Translation: NRSV-UE

A reading from Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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!**

*We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*

**Gospel** Luke 24:1-12

Translation: NRSV-UE

The Good News from Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Open our hearts, Lord.**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb,  
taking the spices that they had prepared.

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
but when they went in they did not find the body.

While they were perplexed about this,  
suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground,  
but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?  
He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you,  
while he was still in Galilee,

that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners  
and be crucified and on the third day rise again.”

Then they remembered his words,  
and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James,  
and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in,  
he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home,  
amazed at what had happened.

This is the Good News!

**Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Shari Duminy

*We rise in body or spirit.*



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 He has arisen this world to save.  
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
 Even the battle with sin is won."

*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
 Alleluia, to him praises be.  
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

*Refrain*

## 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 the People

*Invitation to prayer:*

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer  
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*After each petition:*

Living God, hear our prayer:  
**make of this world your new creation!**

*Pastor's closing prayer:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God,  
trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
**Amen**



## Peace

The message of peace is good news through Jesus Christ!

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,  
"Peace be with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.  
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the tables  
in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

### Musical Offering

This is Amazing Grace  
Spirit of Praise

Wickham, Riddle, & Farro

### Offering Prayer

We pray.

God of life and love, we are grateful for your promise of resurrection and new life.

Your love is stronger than the powers of evil and injustice. With joy, we bring our gifts to you this day. Use our gifts and our lives to proclaim Christ's triumph over death.

**Amen**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is risen! **He is risen indeed!**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**We offer our thanks and praise to the One who gives us new life.**

How good it is on this day of joy to lift our glad songs of praise to you. You planted your steadfast love in the gardens of creation, but we are the bitter fruit of sin. Prophets came in your name, bringing your gracious word, but we could not hear them call our name. When we were about to perish, when we could have died, you sent the One who could bear that threat away.

Here on this day and every day, with those in heaven and those on earth, we lift our glad cries to you.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. All creation is blessed with new life on this day. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to bring your resurrection power. Hosanna in the highest!**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Word in Meal**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon the bread and the cup, resurrecting God, and upon us who seek to be your children. When we are done eating and drinking with the Risen Lord, send us forth to feed the hungry. Served at the table by the One who freed us from death, we would go out to be servants of the poor and oppressed in our world. Called to proclaim the good news of Easter, we would do so with our hands and hearts, not just our lips. Through Christ, glory and honor, praise and thanksgiving are yours, God of new life, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy people, on this first day of the week and in all the days to come.

**Amen**

### **Lord's Prayer**

God in Community, Holy in one, on this great day of Easter, we pray as Jesus taught us, saying:

**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**

## Invitation to the table

Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.

*The assembly is seated.*

## Distribution of Communion

### Communion Song

### Christ Is Living

ACS 934



1 ¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra\_el llan - to, los la - men - tos y\_el pe - sar!  
1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.  
2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.  
3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



Ni la muer - te ni\_el se - pul - cro lo\_han po - di - do su - je - tar.  
Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.  
Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre\_ha de vi - vir.  
Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?  
Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.  
For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.  
Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.  
Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!  
Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

**See the tomb where He laid. See the stone rolled away.  
He is risen. He is risen. He's alive.  
See His hands, see His feet. Touch His scars and believe.  
He is risen. He is risen. He's alive. Oh He's alive.**

**He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen. Jesus lives.**

**Hear the shackles breaking free. Hear the song of the redeemed.  
He is moving. He is moving. He's alive.  
So take this freedom, take this love. Can you feel it rising up?  
He is here. He is here. He's alive.**

**CHORUS:  
He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen. Jesus.  
He lives. All honor and power are His.  
All glory forever amen.  
Jesus lives. Jesus lives.**

**You took all our shame, left it in the grave  
We're forgiven, we're forgiven  
The work forever done, only by the blood  
It is finished, it is finished. CHORUS**

**He is risen. He is risen. He's alive.**

*We rise in body or spirit.*

**Prayer after communion**

**We 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**

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

As you leave this space, do so with resurrection hope – that the God who loves the world enough to come back again, comes back for you. Go forth as messengers of God's steadfast and never-ending love, being bearers of good news and great imagination.

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 Song

Praise

Lake et al.

**(SHOUT & CLAP) Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**(SING) I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain.  
I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting.  
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded.  
'Cause praise is the water my enemies drown in.**

**As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord oh my soul! Praise the Lord oh my soul!**

**I'll praise when I feel it and I'll praise when I don't.  
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control.  
'Cause my praise is a weapon. It's more than a sound.  
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down**

**As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord oh my soul! Praise the Lord oh my soul!**

**I won't be quiet. My God is alive.  
How could I keep it inside?  
Praise the Lord oh my soul**

**I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign, praise 'cause You reign,  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave.**

**I'll praise 'cause You're faithful, praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You.**

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I'll praise 'cause You're faithful, praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You.**

**Praise the Lord oh my soul! Praise the Lord oh my soul!  
Praise the Lord oh my soul! Praise the Lord oh my soul!**

**I won't be quiet. My God is alive.  
How could I keep it inside?  
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How could I keep it inside?  
I won't be quiet. My God is alive.  
How could I keep it inside?  
Praise the Lord oh my soul!**

**(SHOUT & CLAP) Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

## **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!**

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