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An ELCA, Reconciling in Christ,
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Resurrection Sunday

April 5, 2026

8:30 am

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.

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 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

Praise the King
Spirit of Praise

Voss, Bryce, Farren & Smith

Good News, Alleluia!
Spirit of Praise

Makeever

Praise Him with Cymbals and Drums
Spirit Ringers

Moklebust

Glenn Hinderliter, Frank Mattes, Josh Nesfeder, Alan Silvestre, percussion

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Invitation to Worship

Friends, we gather today not at a sealed tomb, but in the light of an empty one!

Just as the women arrived at dawn to find the stone rolled away,

we come seeking the Lord.

Gathering Dialog

On Friday,
we thought the good news had been silenced.

**On Friday,
we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

On Friday,
we thought the good news had been buried.

**But today,
we know the good news is alive and well.**

The good news is dancing!
The good news is on the loose!

The good news is out in the world, calling your name!
Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.

Let us worship our good-news Christ.

Gathering Song

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

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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!

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.

Prayer of the Day

We pray. Holy One,

all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story.

All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting.

All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you.

So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here.

Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb.

We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (read responsively)

Translation: NRSVue

A Reading from the Book of Psalms.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

**I shall not die, but I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

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

**This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

Reading Colossians 3:1-4

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth,
for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.
When Christ who is your life is revealed,
then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

Translation: NRSVue

The Good News from Matthew, the 20th chapter.
Open our hearts, Lord.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
And 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.
His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow.
For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking
for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said.
Come, see the place where he lay. Then 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."
So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.
Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him,
took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them,
"Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee;
there they will see me."

The good news is alive in the world.
Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in 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.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that death does not have the final word.

We believe that love is stronger than hate, and that grace is deeper than our deepest failures. Today, we celebrate the empty tomb: the promise that what is broken can be mended, what is lost can be found, and what is dead can be raised to new life.

We commit to living as "Easter people" - ones who seek out the light, practice radical kindness, and carry the hope of the resurrection into a hurting world. Amen

Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Following the words, "Lord, hear our prayer," we sing Verse 1:



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;
3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;
4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia.
he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.
I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor's closing prayer:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen

Peace

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

He Lives
Spirit of Praise

Skinner, McClarney & Smith

Offering Prayer

We pray. Gracious God,
You greeted the faithful with the words, 'Do not be afraid.' In a world that often feels shaken by earthquakes and uncertainty, we rest in the peace of the Resurrection. We offer back to you a portion of what You have given us, trusting that You are the provider of all things. Use these gifts to bring hope to the hopeless and comfort to the fearful, just as the news of the empty tomb brought hope to the disciples.
Amen

Please rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

Risen Christ,
good-news God,
and ever-present Spirit,
today is a day we've been waiting for.

**We've been waiting for the holy mystery of this morning.
We've been waiting for the good news of an empty grave.
We've been waiting for the sound of alleluias.**

Today is a day we've been waiting for, and now that we're here,
all we can say is thank you.

**Thank you for showing the world what could be.
Thank you for loving us with abandon.
Thank you for facing death and returning with mercy.
Thank you for the empty tomb.
Thank you for morning birdsong.
And thank you for meeting us here, as you always do.**

Today we celebrate the good news that you are alive in the world.
The grave couldn't hold you.
Death couldn't keep you.
The empire couldn't confine you.
Instead, you are here and everywhere.

**You are risen.
You are on the move in the world.
Your love meets us at this table and calls us out into the world.
And that is good, good news.**

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Holy One, so many days feel like Good Friday, but the promise of Easter is that Good Friday does not have the last word. So may we live like that is true. May we speak this hope to our neighbors. May we look for you in our midst. May we see you at this table, in this ordinary bread and cup. And may we always remember: alleluias came after the grave.

Lord's Prayer

As we live like Easter people,
let us continue to pray the words Jesus taught us to pray, 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

Friends, if like the women you are seeking Christ,
if you have known grief or fear,
if you have ever felt lost, or if you are in need of some hope,
then come to this table.
All are welcome here.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Song

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Leader - All

1 Come, O God of all the earth: come to us, O
 2 Come, O God of wind and flame: fill the earth with
 3 Come, O God of flash - ing light: twin - kling star and
 4 Come, O God of snow and rain: show - er down up -
 5 Come, O Jus - tice, come, O Peace: come and shape our

Leader

Righ - teous One; come, and bring our love to birth:
 righ - teous - ness; teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; come and make op - pres - sion cease:

All

in the glo - ry of your Son.
 may our lives your love con - fess.
 in your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who

loves you! Raise your joy - ful cries!

Dance to the life a - round you!

C Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F G^{sus} G C/E

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Am G C²/E

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F² Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Dm⁷ ¹G^{sus} G

Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

²G^{sus} G C Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B

God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

We pray. Loving Christ,
thank you for the bread that nourishes our bodies.
Thank you for the cup that quenches our thirst.
Thank you for this community, which reminds us who we are.
Thank you for this table that brings us together.
Thank you for the music that lifts our spirits.
Thank you for the promise that at this table, and every table, you will be there.
May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good,
good news. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

Amen

Sending of Communion

May the Lord bless this meal as it is sent forth into the world, reminding all that they are not forgotten; that they are held in our hearts and nourished by the same bread that has fed us today. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

SENDING

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

Blessing

May your fears be silenced. Where there is trembling or uncertainty,
may you hear the words of the angel: "Do not be afraid."
May the peace of the risen Christ settle deep within your spirit,
quieting every shadow of doubt. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
 Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
 hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
 prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

End



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
 2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
 strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The good news is.....alive in the world.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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