



# RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF NORTHEAST MINNEAPOLIS

***Welcome to worship!*** We are a congregation with a long history of loving God and serving our neighbors. ***We welcome and celebrate all of you, including race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ability, age, and family.***

*We welcome you to share fellowship with us in your joys and struggles. If you hunger for a good meal, a bag of groceries, the bread of communion, and opportunity to serve your neighbors, or a welcoming church home, **there is a place for you at Grace!***

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**We love to sing!** When music and words are not printed in the bulletin, you can find the song in the red hymnal underneath the chairs at the page number listed.

**Children belong in worship!** We recognize that children aren't wired to "sit still" for an hour, so we welcome their quiet movement, joyous singing, and encourage their involvement in worship. Children of any age may pick out a book, toy, or art supplies in the Commons for use during the service.

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**All are welcome at Jesus' table to receive holy communion.** We set the table with wheat bread, gluten-free crackers, white grape juice, and red wine.

**Join us for fellowship time!** All are invited to stay after worship for coffee, treats, and community connection in the Multi-Purpose Room.

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**Two single-stall and wheelchair-accessible restrooms** are just outside the sanctuary in the Commons, and another one is down the hallway across from the gym.

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*The assembly turns toward the font.*

Water! We praise you, O God, for water--  
the Mississippi River and the 10,000 lakes that surround us,  
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,  
the water for drinking and bathing.

*A repeated refrain:*

We praise you, O God, for water:

**We praise you, O God, for water.**

*The thanksgiving concludes:*

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health  
and well-being.

We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Mother of us all,  
today, tomorrow, forever.

**Amen.**

# ✠ HYMN

## *Christ has Arisen, Alleluia*

**ELW 364**

*During the gathering hymn, water from the font will be sprinkled on the assembly. When you feel the water hit you, you may make the sign of the cross (the sign marked at baptism), pray silently in thanksgiving, or simply smile in amusement / bemusement.*

# ✠ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with others as you are comfortable. When the hymn of praise begins, you may return to your seats and remain standing.*

# ✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

**ELW 388**

*Sing through twice*

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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# OBJECT LESSON

*Any children who are interested and comfortable are invited to come forward for a reflection and short prayer. Parents and guardians are welcome too!*

## CHORAL OFFERING

*As we prepare to hear the Word, music opens our hearts to receive God's blessing.*

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

Thus says the LORD:

I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy  
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat,  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

This is the word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

✠ **GOSPEL CHANT**

**ELW 173**

*Let us rise to greet the Gospel!*  
*Sing through twice:*

The musical score is written for three voices: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It consists of two systems of three staves each. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are 'Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a long note on 'lu' and a short note on 'jah'. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system also ends with a repeat sign, indicating that the piece is to be sung twice.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.  
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## ✠ GOSPEL READING

*Luke 24:1-12*

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, O 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.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Pastor Andrew Baumgartner*



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en  
2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple, whom he died to  
3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who  
4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge



where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,  
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en  
fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion  
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled.



as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -  
bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en  
where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what  
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,



brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the  
for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose  
is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ  
Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -



world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.  
dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us come to the resurrected God in prayer, seeking new life for creation, the church, and all people everywhere.

*Each petition concludes:*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

*The prayers conclude:*

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.**

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*Let us offer our lives to God. You can give online at [gracenempls.org/give](http://gracenempls.org/give) or scan the code at the right. You can also place your offering in the plate as you come up for communion.*



*Sing verses 1 and 2:*

1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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.

*Sing Verse 3*

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.

*Sing Verse 4*

✠ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

O eternal Trinity!  
O fire and deep well of charity!  
O you who are madly in love with your creature!  
O eternal truth! O eternal fire!  
O eternal wisdom, given for our redemption!

*A repeated refrain:*

Blessed are you, fire of love!  
**Blessed are you, fire of love!**

*The prayer concludes:*

O eternal Trinity, our sweet love!  
You, light, give us light! You, wisdom, give us wisdom!  
You, supreme strength, give us strength!  
O eternal Trinity!  
O fire and deep well of charity!  
O you who are madly in love with your creatures!  
O eternal truth! O eternal fire!  
O eternal wisdom, given for our redemption!

Grant us your peace, this day and all the days of our lives.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **COMMUNION: SHARING THE MEAL**

Friends, come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life. **Amen.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. If you wish to receive, ushers will invite you forward. The presiding minister will place a piece of bread or a gluten-free cracker in your cupped hand as you hear "Body of Christ, given for you." In the brass trays are cups of red wine or golden grape juice. Take a small cup as you hear, "Cup of Christ, given for you." You may respond with "Amen," "Thank you," or with quiet acceptance.*

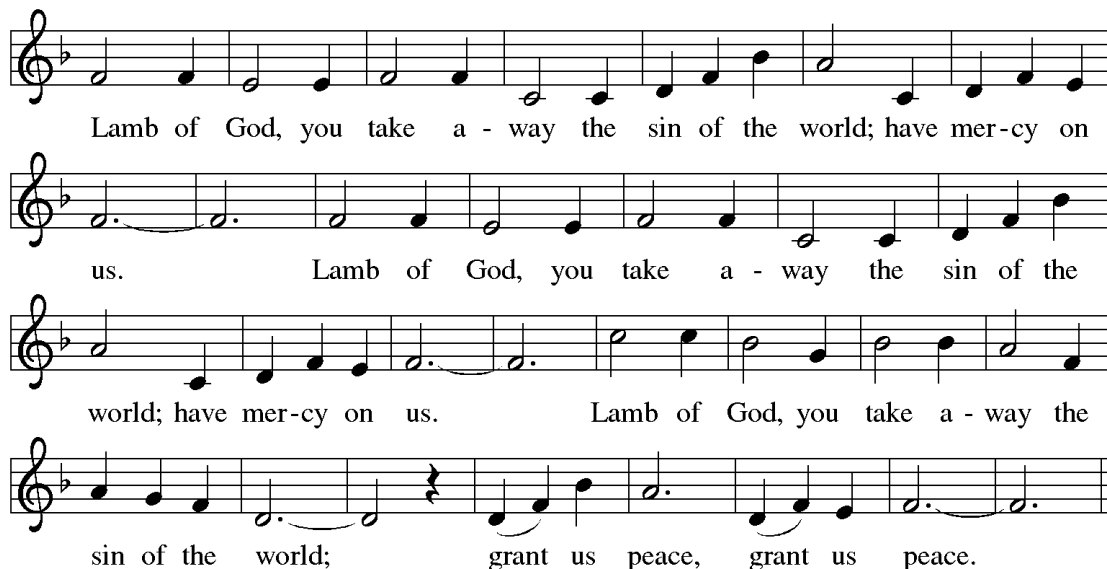
*If you cannot come forward but wish to receive communion or a blessing, please let an usher know and the servers will come to you. If for any reason you do not wish to receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*As we celebrate Communion, you may join in singing:*

**HYMN**

***Lamb of God***

***ELW 195***



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HYMN**

***Come, Join the Dance of Trinity***

***ELW 412***

**HYMN**

***Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

***ELW 365***

**✠ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Let us 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF FOOD SHELF PALLETS

#### ✠ BENEDICTION

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lover, ✚ Beloved, and Love,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

#### ✠ HYMN

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

*ELW 860*

#### ✠ SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia**

Go in peace. Testify to the new life within you!

**We will. Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE

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