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## Resurrection of Our Lord    †    April 4, 2021

### PRELUDE

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

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.**

### 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

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone

who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord| is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time,

most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were

alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially we remember those in our hearts and minds. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

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.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Consecration of Elements

**PRAYER**

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you feed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## BENEDICTION

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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### Altar Flowers

Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary of Blake & Julie Biederstedt.

**This week please hold in prayer:** Karl & Oneta Wiechers, Mary Lou Zwiebel, Rick Ford, Paul Mowery, Juanita Clausen, for all those on our hearts and minds, and for peace in our nation and the whole world.

### PLEASE WELCOME

Vanessa Kwiatkowski, our new Organist and Music Coordinator. Vanessa is an accomplished musician with a Bachelors from Wayne State University and Masters from Bowling Green University both in Piano Performance. Vanessa's first worship service will be April 11th.

**Communion** will be offered the 1st Sunday of each month from 10-11am. If the county is yellow or orange, we will do this like we have done before. If the county is red, we invite you to bring your own elements. You can use bread, crackers, or any ordinary substance for the body and wine, grape juice, other juice, or any celebratory drink for the blood. We will have prefilled communion kits available if needed. You will pull into the parking lot from Clinton Street and remain in your vehicle. I will be standing at the back corner of the building. When it's your turn, I will say a prayer and bless the elements and invite you to partake, then bless you! When you're done you can leave through the alley. If you aren't available during that time, feel free to set up a time throughout the week for you to receive communion this way.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Next weeks readings are: First Reading: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2, Gospel: John 20:19-31. Please join us weekly on Wednesday at 6:00 pm on Zoom. We discuss the texts for the upcoming Sunday. Some guiding questions are: what sticks out, what are you noticing, and what is challenging you in this text. We have a lot of fun and learn some, too! We would love for you to join us! You can join host Carey Plummer and Pastor Janine Shearer a little before the hour by entering the following information on the Zoom page: Meeting #817 3901 3743 and Password: church12. No need to be a Bible scholar!! Just have your Bible handy!!

**JOIN US** in reading the New Testament in chronological order in 2021! This week's readings are:

April 4: Mark 16:1-8  
April 5: Mark 16:9-20  
April 6: Philippians 1  
April 7: Philippians 2

April 8: Philippians 3  
April 9: Philippians 4  
April 10: Matthew 1

### **Devotionals**

*Portals of Prayer* and *Christ In Our Home* are available. There are both regular and large print editions. They will be available in the mailbox by the back doors. Please help yourself to your favorite devotional book.

### **Easter Lilies**

Thank you to those who purchased the Easter lilies that are beautifying our sanctuary today! Your name has been placed on your plant!!

#### ***Joan Collier***

in honor of my family

#### ***Judy Demmel***

in loving memory of Ruth Delaney

#### ***Joe & Julie Kohout***

in honor of Ryan, Erica, Anthony, Carson, Kenzie, Ben & Sullivan

#### ***Jeff Mires***

in loving memory of Julie;

in honor of my mother, Shirlee; and my daughters, Cecilia, Emma & Madelyn

#### ***Maggi Mohler***

in loving memory of John and my parents

#### ***Carey & Brenda Plummer***

in loving memory of our parents; in honor of our children and grandchildren

#### ***Nancy Schink***

in honor of Pastor, Maxine, Karla and all the techs who make the online services possible!

### **Offering**

If you are interested, you may sign up for Simply Giving through Vanco by contacting treasurer Julie Kohout, or send your offering to Emanuel Lutheran Church, PO Box 501, Napoleon, OH 43545. **Please do not send cash in the mail!**

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