

resurrection
REALity

**JESUS' BUSINESS
IS LOVE;
THEREFORE,
SO IS OURS**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, “Christ has indeed been raised from the dead” (*1 Corinthians 15:20*). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus’ resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus’ resurrection proves that “all will be made alive” (*1 Corinthians 15:22*). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now.

JESUS’ BUSINESS IS LOVE; THEREFORE, SO IS OURS

The entirety of God’s Word can be summed up in one word: love. God’s Law is all about love. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart...” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (*Matthew 22:37,39*). The gospel is all about love: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” (*John 3:16*). From his compassion for the sick and broken, to his sacrificial death on the cross, to the peace he provided after his resurrection, Jesus was the perfect embodiment of love. Love is his business.

Therefore, love is our business too. The resurrection reality is that with the same supernatural power by which God raised Jesus from the dead, God now enables us to live a new life—one marked by radically selfless love. The motivation and ability to do this comes from seeing the endless love Christ has for us. We love only because he first loved us.

God bless your worship.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	8:00am: Pastor John Hartmann	10:45am: Pastor Adam Mueller
Preacher		Pastor David Clark
Organist/Pianist		Rachel Casmer
Preservice		Lily Casmer, Chloe Williams
Cantor		Linda Kirkpatrick
Usher Teams	8:00am: Tim & Brian Dunn, Charlie Weinstein	
	10:45am: Braxton Cooley, Ryan Lorette, Clyde Brumfield	

Flowers The flowers on the altar this morning were given to the Glory of God by Ted & Kathy Feuling, in celebration of Kathy's 80th birthday on May 7; Danny & Linda Kirkpatrick's 45th wedding anniversary.

† ORDER OF SERVICE †

Greeting and welcome

OPENING HYMN

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You | 581

Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

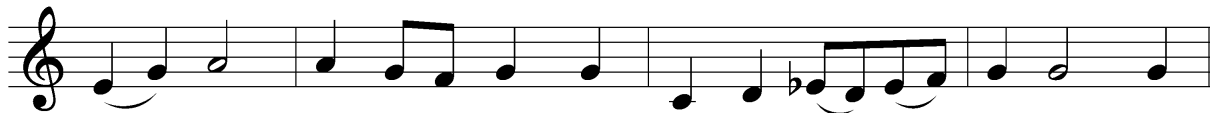
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



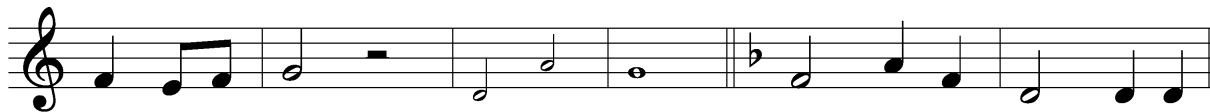
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



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peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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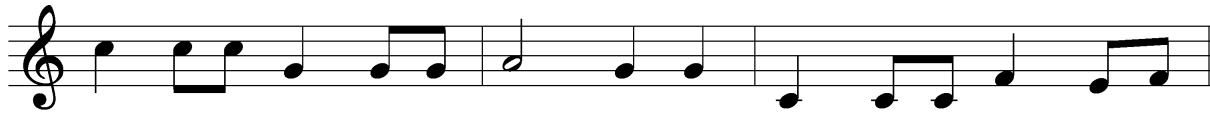
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us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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BAPTISM

Cruz Robert Parchman

8:00 a.m. service

The Word

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-42

Peter raises Tabitha, the godly do gooder, from the dead.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Throughout All Time | Psalm 89(B)

Cantor: 1st refrain, verses **Congregation:** repeat & remaining refrains

Refrain

I will sing for-ev-er to you, my God, through-out all time I will
sing to you; *through-out all time I will sing to you.

* Repeat bracketed phrase as closing line for final refrain.

I will sing of your love all my days, O God,
your faithfulness is forever.
You are love everlasting
and compassion stronger than the sky. **(Refrain)**

The heavens proclaim your wonders;
the stars above tell of your love.
Where is there an equal?
What god can compare with you? **(Refrain)**

O God, how your people rejoice in you!
You call us forth to share your light.
In your name we find our joy
and your justice will be our song. **(Refrain)**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-11,19-21

Since God so loves us, we love one another.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 13:13

Alleluia. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Remain in Christ's love, and love one another.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me | 714:1-3

Cantor: verse 1 **Congregation:** verses 2-3

SERMON

“Remain in Christ’s Love”

John 15:9-17

By following his commands.

By being his friend.

Stand

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**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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Be seated

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Stand

The Sacrament

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.

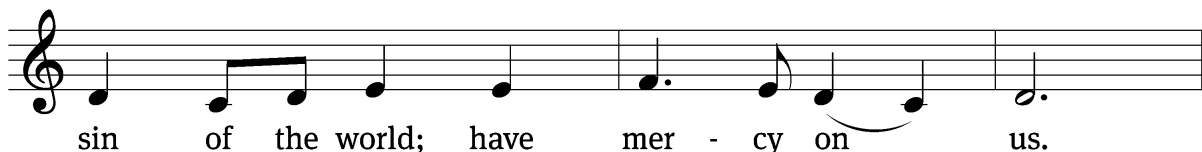
Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

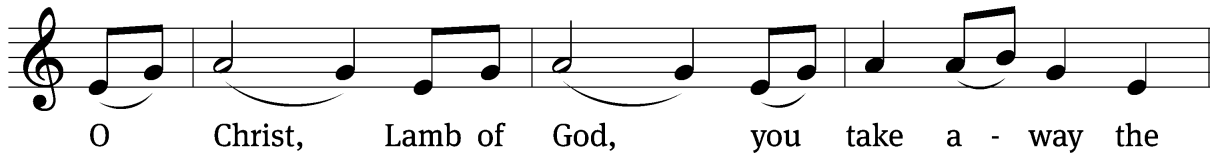
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

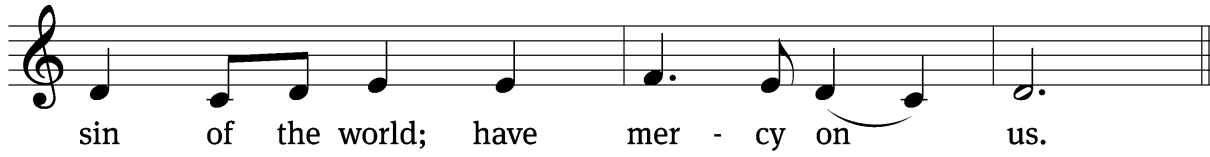
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

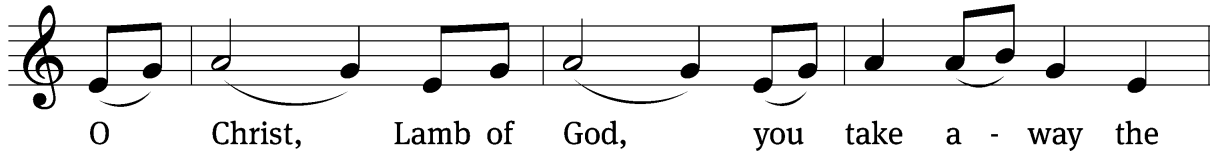




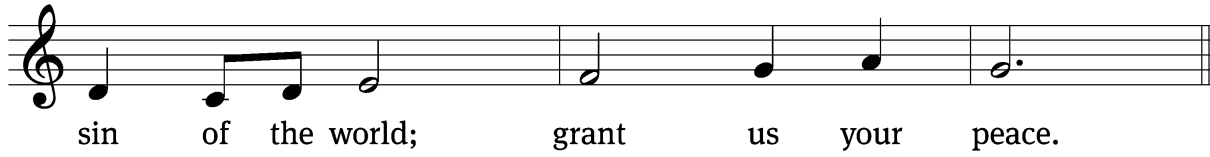
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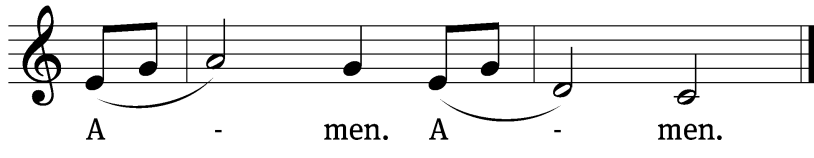
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace.



A - men. A - men.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION



In keeping with the Bible's teaching on Holy Communion, Redeemer celebrates the sacrament with her members and those who belong to her church body, the WELS. If you are not yet a member of Redeemer or WELS, please speak with one of our pastors before communing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice | **557**

Stand

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds | 471:1,3



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