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APRIL 4, 2021 ~ EASTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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

SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing* ELW 385 verses 1, 2 & 4

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Tune Name: Gelobt sei Gott, Vulpius

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

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

By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia the Lord has Risen. **The Lord has risen indeed, alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* ELW 366 verses 1 & 3

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;
now is the victor's triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped,
Christ rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Tune Name: Victory, Palestrina

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.**

WORD

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

READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

St. Paul emphasizes the core of the Christian faith is the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

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, 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.

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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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 the Lord given to you. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389 verses 1 & 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Tune Name: Truro

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Touch That Soothes and Heals

Salem's Choir

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

Tune Name: Civility

Song Reported to OneLicense Text Song # 30304 & Tune Song # 94487

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor and enter the celebration of the resurrection of Christ reconciled with God and with one another.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Let us pray,

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father,+ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365 verses 1 & 4

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;
Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
Tune Name: Easter Hymn

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*******ANNOUNCEMENTS*******

A Special Thank you to Salem's choir for providing the voices for today's hymns. Thank you to Sharon Lukens for reading today! And, an extra thank you to Cathy Hoefler and her music and song leadership.

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance.

Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

Our Daily Bread ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity. ***We look forward to May 10th for the next casserole pickup.***

ONLINE DONATIONS ARE OPTIONAL ~ If interested, **CLICK ON THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF SALEM'S WEBSITE TO DONATE!** <http://www.salemjarrettsville.org/> Contact Ned Cockey for more information. ***Please know you may continue to send your donations as is comfortable for you.***

Salem's Lenten Project ~ Throughout the Lenten season, Salem is working through ELCA World Hunger collecting funds to purchase goats at a cost of \$50 each. *Whatever you are able to donate* will go towards the purchase of a portion of a goat. Please watch the Online Worship Announcements from Mark Hoefler! ***Drawing for Gruff the Goat will be during the week after Easter Sunday.***

Want to spread encouragement? Let's send notes / cards of care to Charlie Phoebus.

Sterling Care Riverside
C/O Charles Phoebus
1123 Belcamp Garth
Room 102 ~ Belcamp, MD 21017

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Family and friends of Matt Sherman, Family and friends of Jim Bair, Mildred Taylor, Family and Friends of Barb Vogel, Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Charlie Phoebus, Douglas Porter, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law,

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