

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Easter - Praise

April 14, 2024 – 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Welcome to worship! We join our hearts to pray, hear God's Word, and receive the Lord's Supper. As we worship, you are invited to join along in singing and speaking the congregation's part of the service.

Livestream notice: RLC's 8:15 worship service is streamed live online every week. The front (east) part of the sanctuary, including the space for communion and children's sermons, and the front three rows of pews, are sometimes in the video. By being in those spaces, you may be included in the livestream on YouTube and RLC's website. If you have any questions, please speak to the stream team before the service begins.

Communion: Worshipers joining online may gather both bread and wine or grape juice to participate. As you worship from your home, please partake of the body and blood of Christ in the forms of bread and cup. Worshipers gathered in person will be invited to the altar to receive communion.

Accompanist

Praise Band

ELW= the red hymn book underneath your seat. Hymns are located in the back of the book.

† indicates stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

† Call to Worship: *We Are Called*

We are called, we are claimed, we are loved, by the holy name. We are healed, we are whole, the Savior ransomed our souls. We're singing,

Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh Glory Glory
Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria

We are here to proclaim, God is here, calls us each by name. We are here to give praise, the Love of God will not change. We're singing,

Glory Glory Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria Oh Glory Glory
Glory Hallelujah Glory Gloria!

† Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

† **Gathering Hymn:** *In Christ Called to Baptize* **ELW 575**

In Christ called to baptize,
we witness to grace
and gather a people
from each land and race.

In deep, flowing waters,
we share in Christ's death,
then, rising to new life,
give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to banquet,
one table we share,
a haven of welcome,
a circle of care.

Although we are many,
we share in one bread.
One cup of thanksgiving
proclaims Christ, our head.

In Christ called to witness,
by grace we will preach
the life-giving gospel;
God's love we will teach.
By grace may our living
give proof to our praise
in costly compassion
reflecting Christ's ways.

Unite us, anoint us,
O Spirit of love,
for you are within us,
around us, above.
Equip us for service
with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling.

In Christ may we grow.

† 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.

Liturgy of the Word

† Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you call us, like the first Christians, to discipleship with devotion and awe. Grant that we might see our diverse gifts not as excuses to divide but as opportunities to be united in one community, the body of Christ. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 2: 42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

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

READING: Ephesians 4: 11-16

The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the

saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Children's Sermon:

Rex Ratzlaff

Sermon

Pastor Beth Wartick

† Hymn of the Day: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

ELW 656

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

† 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.**

† Prayers of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of
good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, illness, and uncertainty especially George, Hayden, Jeff, Jerry and Michael. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry at RLC. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom

we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

† Peace

Liturgy of the Meal

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Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our life and hope. **Amen.**

† 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 our thanks and praise.

† Words of Institution

† 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.**

**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

If you are communing from home, offer each other the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the wine with "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

Communion Song: *One Bread, One Body*

ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,

one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

Sending

Announcements

† Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and
the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

Amen.

† Sending Song: *Go Now*

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Go now with God, go now with God

Into the world as a servant

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God

Offering a hand to a stranger

Go now with God, go now with God

Trusting in the risen savior

Go now with God, go now with God

Go now, go now, go now with God

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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