

LIVING THE
Resurrection



Resurrection
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Unless I See

John 20:19-31

- April 11, 2021 -

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

10:00 am– Worship Service

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ◆ **We are asking you to wear face coverings.** All employees, members and visitors in attendance are asked to wear face coverings at all times in the building.
- ◆ **The double doors in the lower lot will be our only access point.**
- ◆ **There will be no sharing of the peace before service or receiving line after church to maximize social distancing.**
- ◆ **Please do not attend church or other church activities if you have a respiratory illness or feel like they are coming down with one for at least 14 days after your full recovery.** Family members should not attend either.
- ◆ **Offering collection: We will not be passing the collection plate during the offertory.** Please either drop your offering in the collection plates by the door or give online. Alternatively, you may mail a check to the church office.
- ◆ **Communion will be coming in prepackaged hosts and cups, of both wine and grape juice. We are planning on having communion only 2 times a month (1st and 3rd Sundays.)** Pastor will consecrate the communion elements during the service and we will commune together in the service at the designated time for communion. There will be a receptacle at the door for disposing the supplies upon leaving the sanctuary.
- ◆ **There will be an elder checking people in for service.** If an outbreak occurs, this information will allow us to have a way to contact individuals that may have been exposed which may be critical to help save lives.
- ◆ **When you pick up your service elements we will have a recommended temperature check.**
- ◆ **Remember to layer up as the windows will be open and the fans will be on to help with air circulation.**

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PRELUDE

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" ... Handel

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!" LSB 463 verses 1-4

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!

Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send Your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of Your grace and couriers of Your goodness. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel and live the Resurrection not because we see it, but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it.

C: Amen!

ORDER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: We confess,

C: God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of Your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share Your grace. When we cannot believe Your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with Your joy.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter. Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness. As Resurrection people rejoice all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Risen Son, + and Holy Spirit!

C: Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

INSTRUMENTAL HYMN

“Have No Fear Little Flock” ... Zimmerman / Albrecht / Dicke

GOSPEL READING

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

C: By His mighty power God raised from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come.

God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” *LSB 475 verses 1-3*

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;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Pastor Matthew Mantey

REFLECTIVE MUSIC

*You can mail an offering or donate via the
"Give to RLC" button at resurrection-lcms.org*

PRAISE SONGS

"Come People of the Risen King"

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth,
We will lift our eyes to Him.
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in,

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice
Oh, Church of Christ, rejoice.

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice
Oh, Church of Christ, rejoice.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing,
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age:
Our God is all in all.

Chorus x2

“Christ Is Risen”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
For I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

The prodigal is welcomed home
The sinner now a saint
For the God who died came back to life
And everything has changed
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Pre-Chorus

O death where is your sting
O fear where is your power
The mighty King of kings has disarmed you
Delivered and redeemed eternal life is ours
O praise His name forever

Chorus

Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

And on the day You call me in
To heaven's sweet embrace
I'll see Your scars Your open arms
The beauty of Your face
Through tears of joy
I'll lift my voice in everlasting praise
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

Tag

Jesus is alive oh
And all throughout eternity
Our song will be the same
Hallelujah Christ is risen from the grave

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen!

CLOSING SONG

"My Lighthouse"

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

POSTLUDE

"Christ Has Burst His Prison!" ... Gilbert Martin



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Matthew Mantey
A/V Techs: John Lambuth, Melina Mantey
Elder: Bob Rothwell
Organist: Carl Kishline
Reader: Melina Mantey
Worship Team: Dale & Suzy Lindeke

SERMON NOTES

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PRAYERS & PRAISES

Praise God:

- **We praise you O Risen Lord that you are present with us and bring us your peace!** In the midst of our doubts and skeptical moments bring us your peace and reassurance that you are risen!
- **Lord Jesus, thank you for being so patient with your followers.** Thank you for breathing your Spirit and your peace upon us. Thank you for giving us your own work of forgiving the sins of all who are humble enough to seek forgiveness and grace.
- **We give thanks for all who celebrate birthdays this month of April.** As these brothers and sisters celebrate may we lift them up and celebrate their lives as well. May we always give thanks for the gift of life and cherish it in all we do!
- **We lift up and give thanks for all those who continue to work at airports, flying planes, flight attending, and all others in the travel industry.** In the midst of long hours and tough working conditions give them your strength and safety. We also pray that all Christians traveling would be a witness to your love and Easter Joy! Finally, we lift up all those in our body who are traveling for safety, fun, and joyous times together as families!
- **We continue to lift up those in our armed forces who help defend and protect our freedoms both stateside and abroad.** Keep them safe and give them your uplifting Spirit in times they feel alone and are separated.

In Our Prayers:

- **Breathe your Holy Spirit upon skeptics, doubters, and all whose confidence in your grace has been shaken by tragedy.** Use us to lead them gently into your house. Lift them with your wounded hands. Transform their unbelief into unshakeable faith in you, their Lord and God.
- **The other disciples sought out Thomas when he was grieving and in despair.** Teach us to be your disciples, seeking out and walking with others even when they despair of your love. Give us grace to be gentle, winsome, patient, yet persistent as we invite them to taste and see your goodness.
- **Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church, so that it may never doubt your Resurrection, but always proclaim you as the crucified and risen Savior of the world.** And pour your Holy Spirit into your persecuted followers, so that their faith in you is unwavering and their witness to you is both gracious and bold.
- **Give the leaders of the nations, and all people entrusted to their care, that peace which the world cannot give.** Send your Holy Spirit into the world. Let repentant faith and deeds of mercy bring the light of your saving love to hearts darkened by the powers of sin, evil and death.
- **Bring the peace of your dear healing touch and the joy of your salvation to all whose lives are shadowed by suffering to body, mind or soul.** Cheer their hearts, renew their faith, and restore them to fellowship with all who love them.

Questions for Wednesday Zoom Bible Study

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What are worldly groups you are skeptical of?

Read John 20:19-31. What are concepts in this passage that are hard to grapple with? How might you respond to someone who struggles with these same concepts?

Can you identify with Thomas's skepticism about the disciples' claim in verse 25? Why or why not?

Some have referred to the modern American culture as an age of skepticism. Do you think that is accurate? How might that influence some people's reluctance to share the good news?

Thinking about verse 30, what is one sign would you wish to see that might strengthen your belief?

How does our faith grow in times when we don't "see" God's presence around us? How can this group encourage you and help strengthen your beliefs?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Coming Up

We will still celebrate Easter by continuing our a new series called, "Living the Resurrection." It isn't a fad, Resurrection Life is forever so let's live it with joy. We will do this as next week we, not only look at Jesus, but we touch him. Just think he invited his disciples to touch him; he ate in front of them. He was announcing that he was real. What can we provide, what hands-on proof can we give that Jesus is alive among us? Join us next Sunday in person or on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/rcdesmoineswa> at 10am to find out!

Zoom Bible Study Starts Back Up This Wednesday!

Have no doubts Zoom Bible Study starts back up this Wednesday at 7 PM! Speaking of doubts we will be looking at Thomas and his journey in John 20! We look forward to you joining us! If you would like an invite email the office at secretary@resurrection-lcms.org

RLC Men's Group at 8 am on Sunday in Room 200– Join in!

Men of RLC if you are looking to have some fellowship and grow in God's Word consider joining the RLC Men's Group that meets at 8 am on Sunday in Room 200. Right now they are working through a video series called, "The Gospel Journey" and would love having you join!

Opening Hands Opportunity—Collecting Food Donations for the Food Bank

To help support the Food Bank in multiple ways we have decided to do a collection now through April to help support those in need. Thank you so much for your support!

Most Needed Food Items

Healthy Options, Low Sodium Soup, Pasta, Canned Corn, Fruit Cups, Cereal, 100% Fruit Juice Boxes

Most Needed Non-Food Items

Paper Bags - Clean and Untorn, Toilet Paper, Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6), Soap, Laundry Detergent, Pet Food

Pastor Matt Will Be Giving Online Message at Wesley on April 25th

To all who live in Wesley share the news around your complex that your Pastor will be giving the message on the weekly TV evening worship service on April 25th.

Stewardship Thought—John 20:19

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' " The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us – not our works – we are now free to do good works. Good works shouldn't be done out of self-interest but for the right reasons – out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

Office Hours: By Appointment Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm
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