

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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Resurrection Lutheran Church is called by God, to reach beyond our walls and share the Good News, bringing Christ to the world through Prayer, Love, and Action.

Sunday, April 23, 2023—9:30 AM

Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion



All are welcome to commune and receive Christ in bread and wine. Please fill out a communion card and give it to the usher when coming forward for Communion.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we live, work, and worship in the land that is now called the United States, we recognize that we do so on land that was stolen from Indigenous peoples. This community we now call “Franklin Park” was occupied by various Indigenous peoples, including the Peoria, Potawatomi, Myaamia, Ho-Chunk, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo. As we are called to restore creation, we are also called to restore right-relationship with one another. As we join in this holy vocation of loving our neighbor, we honor all our Indigenous siblings who have been companions of the lands, waters, and beings of Turtle Island since time immemorial.

I charge our community to learn about the original and continuous stewards of the land upon which we exist. We lament legacies of violence, cultural genocide, and displacement of Indigenous communities; committing ourselves to hearing and speaking the truth of that history and its on-going effects. May we gather faithfully in mind, body, and spirit so that we may mend what has been broken and embody Christ’s gospel of abundant life.

CENTERING TIME

*3 minutes of silence to center our hearts for worship.
Our time will conclude after the centering music.*

CENTERING MUSIC

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

- L As we celebrate the wonderful creation that God has provide, we know that we haven’t always lived as God has called us to live. So let’s confess together:
- C God of Perfect Rest, we confess before you and one-another that we have failed to love you and our neighbor fully, and that we have tried to cover our sins by our own power. We have run busily from one activity to the next, one possession to the next, one achievement to the next, and one love to the next, all to avoid admitting our need for your grace. Uncurl us from our self-obsession by the love of your Son. Forgive our sins, help us to accept your love, and guide us on right paths for the sake of the world you so deeply love. Amen.**
- L God Creator, who is rich in mercy and abundant in love, hears our prayers and crosses eternity to come alongside us. It is my honor and delight as a fellow saint and sinner, created, redeemed, and loved by the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier
+ to announce to you the complete forgiveness of your sins and your birth into new

life through Jesus Christ..

C Thanks be to God!

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING OF PEACE

OPENING HYMN

ELW #879

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Refrain



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

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Final refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy: Open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]

³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104*(remix)

I am awestruck, Holy One
at this beautiful and boundless universe—
cultivated over eons with love and care.

Your creative intent envelopes the world like a cloak.

**I see it shining in the heavens, hear it whispering in the winds,
feel it crackling in the fire.**

For you energized the dust of the universe
— the galaxies, the stars, the planets, right
down to this jewel of an earth.

You are wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the waves of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
You paint the earth with your holy spirit,
each stroke and color with purpose, place and song.
You put a restlessness in our hearts that leave us to seek you always.
Therefore, I will sing your songs all my days
and care for all you have created
and keep my heart ever open to your Love.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (The Inclusive Bible translation)

Make your minds ready for action, and be sober. Put your hope in nothing but the grace that will be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Be children of obedience. Don't behave the way you did when, in your ignorance, your desires were all you knew. Be holy in everything you do, since it is the Holy One who has called you - as scripture says, "You will be holy, for I am holy."

When you pray, you call on Abba God, who judges everyone impartially on the basis of their actions. Since this is so, conduct yourself reverently during your sojourn in a foreign land. Realize that you were delivered from the futile way of life your ancestors handed on to you, not by an diminishable sum of gold or silver but by Christ's blood, which is beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb foreknown before the world's foundation and revealed for your sake in these last days. It is through Christ that you are believers in God, the God who raised Christ from the dead into glory. Your faith and hope, then, are centered in God.

By obedience and truth you have purified yourselves for a genuine love of your sisters and brothers. Therefore, love one another constantly, from the heart. Your rebirth has come not from a perishable seed but from an imperishable one - the living and enduring word of God.

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



GOSPEL and SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin

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HYMN OF THE DAY “All Good Gifts” Bob Kaat-Wohlert & Andrea Hupman

CONFESSION OF FAITH

A New Creed (1968) United Church of Canada

We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Revs. Chelsea & Mandy Achterberg

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

“We Are an Offering”

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Earth and All Stars!



1	Earth and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!



Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

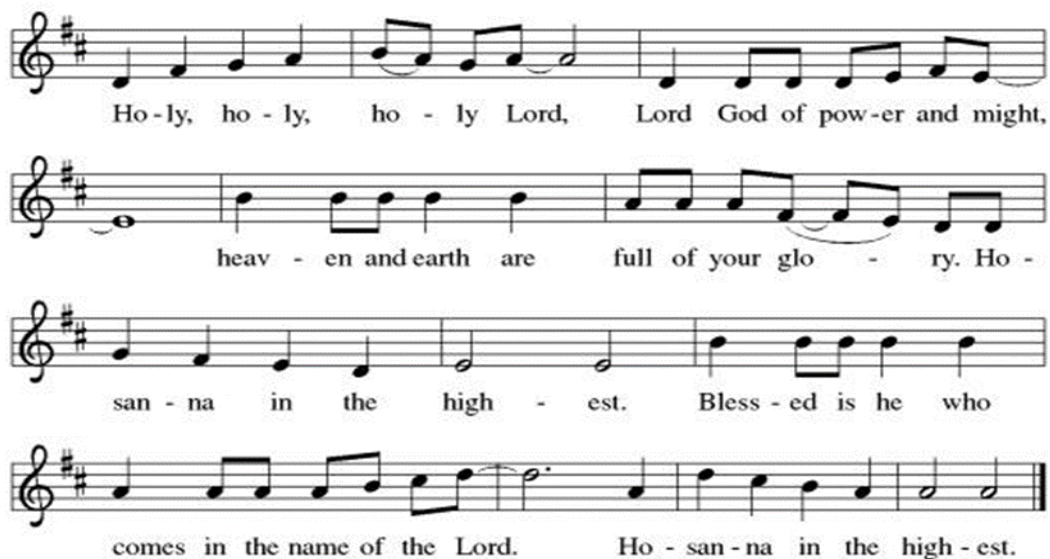
C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION - *all are invited *gluten free wafers are available.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
 C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

C Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

C Amen.

SENDING MUSIC

DISMISSAL

Rev. Christyn Koschmann & Phoebe Morad

Pastor: Darryl Thompson Powell

Director of Music: Henrietta Atkin

Oboist: Wayne Ryerson

* Psalm 104 (remixed) compiled from: *Christine Robinson* doubterpsalms.blogspot.org

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION

Monday, April 24

12:00 pm Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Tuesday, April 25

Wednesday, April 26

1:00 pm Midweek Service

2:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Service

Thursday, April 27

7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Friday, April 28

Pastor Darryl's Sabbath

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

9:30 am Worship, Holy Communion

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Online services are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/rlcfp/live), YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp or search for "Resurrection Lutheran Franklin Park YouTube") and Twitch.

Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom online (bit.ly/rlcfp-zoom) or by phone (312-626-6799 Meeting ID: 230 167 8868, Password: 9777). You can also watch without participating on YouTube (www.youtube.com/rlcfp).



The flowers today are from Barb Ziemer in honor of her grandsons Josiah and Joshua's birthdays.



We are continuing “**pasta Sunday**”. Any and all donations are are very much appreciated. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR MEMBERS: June K and family, Dolores B, Janet G, Irwin K, Marvin K, and Donna T.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF RLC MEMBERS: Judy Hajek's sister Nancy, Susan, RoiAnne and her daughter Cyndy, Billie O, Rocio, Walter M, John M, Mike I, Sharon V, Gary V, Warren, Marina, Luisa, Nathan, Ruth, Cyndy W, John B, Feodore, Atour, Billy G, Joyce S, Judy K, Sue Koevenig's nephew Kevin, Terry, Stan and Darlene M, Sue Flanagan's son Robert, housekeeping staff at hospitals and nursing homes, the homeless, Karen Shumaker's brother Curtis, Lynn, Elaine R, Lamone C, Russ Sprenger's daughter Kimberly S, Linda B and Janet Grace's son-in-law Scott B.

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Josiah Gross, Edward Scharlow, Mike Brimie, Robert Dilks, and Mike Ignoffo.

