



“DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU SEEK JESUS WHO IS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN.”

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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Trinity Free Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

INTROIT: EXODUS 15:1b-2a, 6, 13, 17-18 (ESV)

- ^{1b} “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- ^{2a} The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
- ⁶ “Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
- ¹³ “You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have
redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.
- ¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands have established.
- ¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake.

Amen.

HYMN #111: “LOW IN THE GRAVE HE LAY”

- 1 Low in the grave He lay—
Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day—
Jesus, my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave He arose, (He arose)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes; (He arose)
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
He arose! (He arose) He arose! (He arose)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2 Vainly they watch His bed—
Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead—
Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

3 Death cannot keep his prey—
Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away—
Jesus, my Lord! *Refrain*

CONFESSION OF SIN

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9) Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE (*spoken*)

O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:1-6 (ESV)

¹ "At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people."

- 2 Thus says the LORD:
"The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,
3 the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
5 Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
6 For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.' "

EPISTLE LESSON: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 (ESV)

¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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

GLORIA PATRI (*spoken*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Eastern North Dakota AFLC Youth Band & Choir

HYMN #102: "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

1 Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day,
Who did once, upon the cross,
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hymns of praise then let us sing
Unto Christ, our heavenly King,
Who endured the Cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save.

2 But the pains which He endured,
Our salvation have procured;
Now above the sky He's King,
Where the angels ever sing.
Sing we to our God above
Praise eternal as His love;
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 28:1-10 (ESV)

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

SERMON: "THE CRUCIFIED ONE LIVES"

HYMN #98: "THINE IS THE GLORY"

1 Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes
Where Thy body lay.

Refrain:

Thine is the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly He greets thee,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let His Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth:
Death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt Thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without Thee;
Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors,
Through Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe though Jordan
To Thy home above. *Refrain*

THE LORD'S 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 (*Numbers 6:4-26*)

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

Amen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**