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Welcome to Worship at Resurrection Lutheran Church

Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday. Lutherans believe and teach that our Lord gives His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin, strengthening of faith, and the promise of salvation. We understand we are sinners in need of forgiveness; and recognize the Body and Blood of Jesus are physically present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the sacrament. Thankful for His grace and mercy, and for His rich blessings, we come in humility and trust to Holy Communion. Not sure what to do? Need to know more? Feel free to speak with the Pastor or the Elder of the day. They are generally available before or after worship service.

Communicants receive the Host in their palm. In distribution, both individual and common cup are offered. If you choose the common cup, please hold your hand in front of you until the chalice is offered. White grape juice is provided in the center of each tray for those who avoid wine for medical or recovery purposes. Gluten free wafers are available (speak to Pastor or an Elder before service to receive the Host in this form).

You are invited to remain seated in the pew (with your family if you wish) if distribution in this way is easier for you. Please notify an usher.

Hearing assistance devices and large print editions of the Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are available for use during the worship service. Please notify an usher should you need one.

As We Gather

When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's lifesupporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Stand (as you are able)

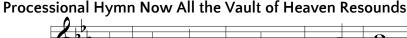
Greeting

A: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

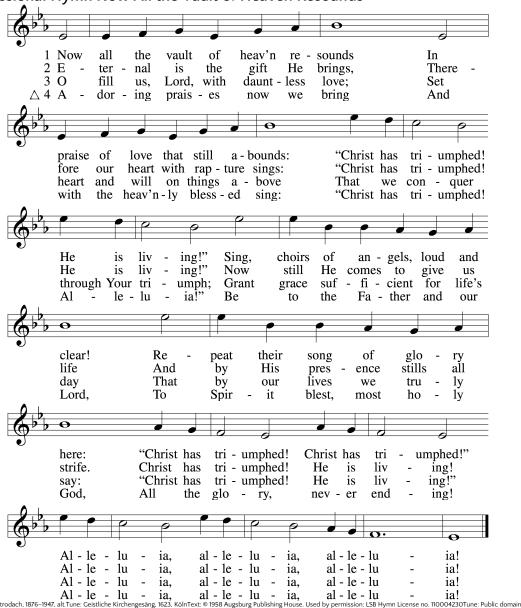
C: He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

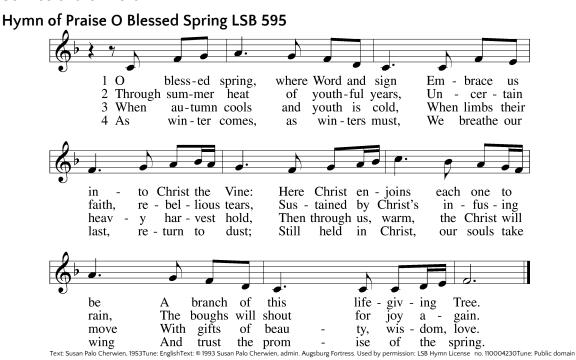
Kneel/Stand/Sit

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Children's Message - "Jesus Loves the Little Children" - sung as the children come forward.

First Reading (Philip witnesses about Jesus to the Ethiopian official.) Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Choir - "Jesus Loves Me" by Anna Warner and Ralph Manuel published by Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

Epistle (An exhortation to lives of Christian love)

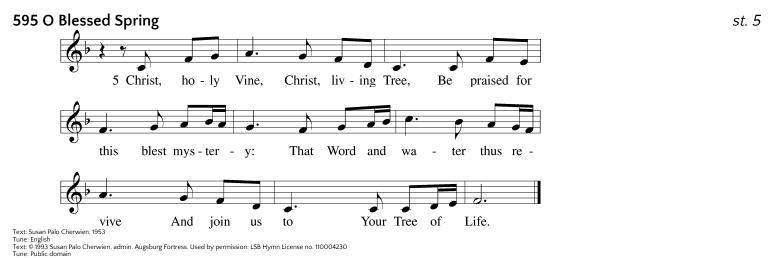
1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel (Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.) John 15:1-8

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

> Us men means all people. Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Sit





I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hymn Continues on Next Page >

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering (See pew cards for ways to give your offerings.)

Offertory C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, 0 God. and new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a take not Thy Ho-ly Spir - it way from Thy pres-ence, and from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

Thy free spir-it.

A - men.

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- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.

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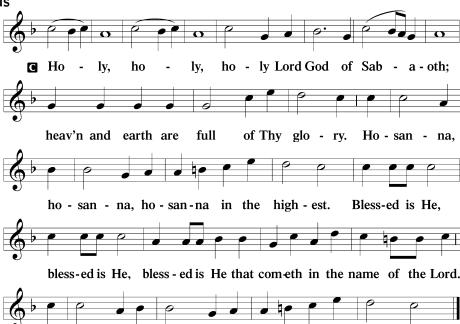
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

and up - hold me with

- C It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Sanctus LSB 195



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer LSB 179

P 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.

The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

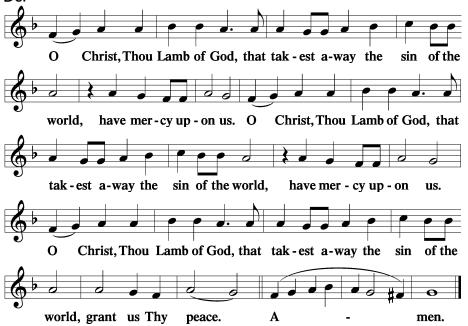
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Sit

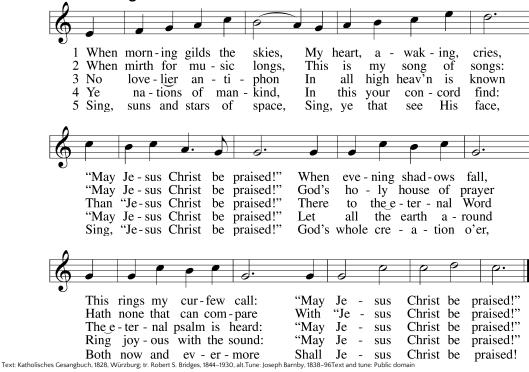
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807 When Morning Gilds the Skies



Stand

The Dismissal

- P The true body and true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart





Thanksgiving LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- A Bless we the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

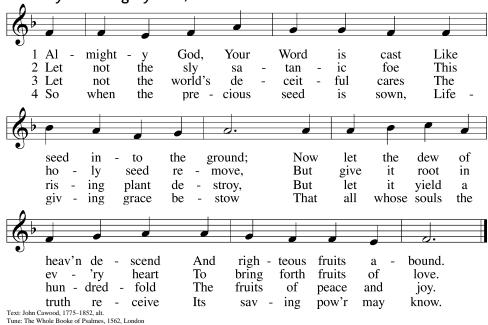
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C Amen.

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Recessional Hymn Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

LSB 577



The Sending

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

A: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude

Please join us downstairs for fellowship following the service. This is a good time to grab a quick snack, talk with your friends and meet visitors. What a great opportunity to get to know people better. Our signup sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board downstairs in case you are interested in hosting a Sunday.

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(See pew card for ways to give your offering.)

In preparation for Pentecost Sunday (May 19), RLC family and friends are invited to participate in a Pentecost Prayer Vigil Saturday, May 18, 2024 (Pentecost Eve). Sign up times consist of one-hour increments beginning at 7:00am and ending at 7:00pm. The Church Sanctuary will be open as folks come and go during the sign-up times. On-site instructions and materials will be provided for your time of meditation and prayer.

Participants are invited to spend some relaxing time in the quiet atmosphere of the Sanctuary. May this be a time of blessing spent with the Lord for the benefit of God's Church, believer lives, and the world.

Watch for sign-up sheets in the church narthex. You may also contact Marcela at resurrectionlutheran22@gmail.com to check slot availability.

Romans 8:26

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. (ESV)

Romans 8:34

[34] Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (ESV)