



Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Marla Rotman
Guest Preacher	Kristen Capel
Youth Minister	Amy Snetting
Organist	Julie Urban
Lector	Tim Wicker
Soloist	Annika Coyle
Vocalists	Johan Christopherson, Carolyn Deters, Cindy Nelson, Tim Wicker

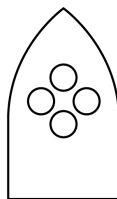
We welcome Pastor Kristen Capel to give the message this week. Pastor Kristen Capel is a visionary leader with 16 years of experience as a Pastor in ELCA Congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Most recently, she served as Lead Pastor at Easter Lutheran Church, a large, two-campus congregation in Eagan, MN. At the time, Easter was the largest ELCA church ever to be led by a woman. Pastor Capel lives in Rosemount, MN, with her husband Dan, and her two teenage daughters. She dabbles in art, music, free-lance writing, and cooking. Long walks and long naps (not necessarily in that order) fuel her soul.

Referenced in today's sermon is an article titled, "Prepare for the Ultimate Gaslighting." To read the article, go to <https://forge.medium.com/prepare-for-the-ultimate-gaslighting-6a8ce3f0a0e0>.

In our prayers this week: Casey Austad, Rich Gronner; Mission Partners: Trinity and St. Peder's Lutheran churches, CES (Community Emergency Service), and Wapo Bible Camp.

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NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2020

10:00 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Ferguson

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN 382 (st. 1-2)

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

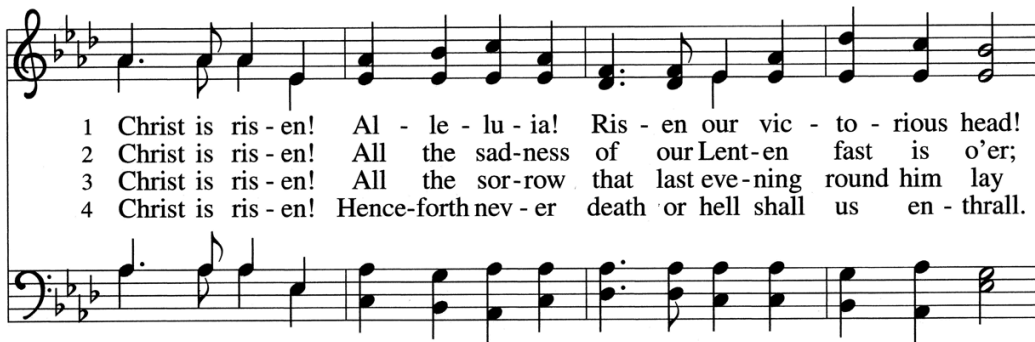
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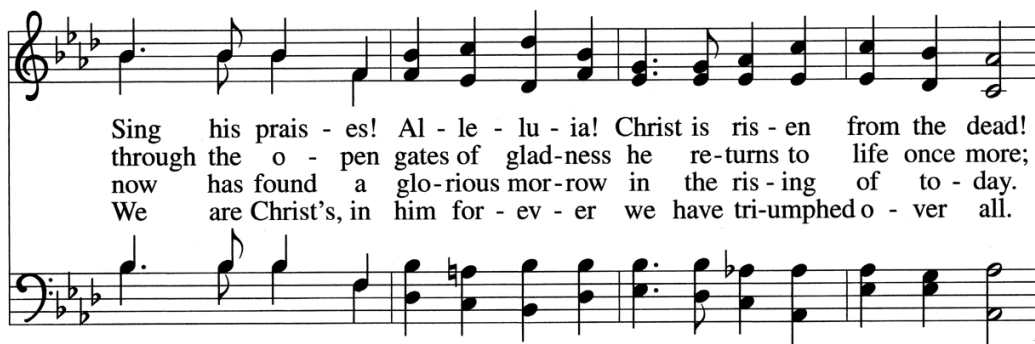
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

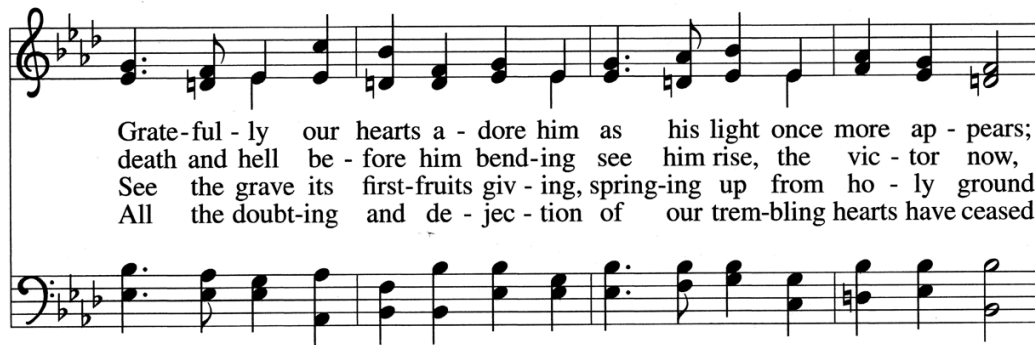
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

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bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together:

C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

THE READING

Acts 2:14, 22-32

L: *Introduction: After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

L: The Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

L: *Introduction: The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

GOSPEL RESPONSE

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kristen Capel

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Introduction

L: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all time and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Inspire us to reach across ecumenical boundaries to find our harmony in you.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Like the tower of Babel, tear down the walls of commerce and capitalism that extort the sick and in need. Inspire in us altruism, as deep and wide as your love will allow.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without homeland or safety. Open our hearts to those in need. Open our doors to those without a roof to call their own. Open our wallets to those who have not. Open our lives to the cry of others.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death that we embrace the peace you have promised. Help us to live in the moment, and to ignore the pangs of fear that muddle our ability to hear you.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Conclusion

L: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

**L: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE 361 (st. 3)

"The Day of Resurrection!"



3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.



Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;



for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!

SENDING

BLESSING

L: May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead
raise you to new life,
fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN 385

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

arr. Burkhardt

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