

Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
Recorded Worship

...repentance and
forgiveness of sins
is to be proclaimed

in

HIS

NAME

to all nations ...

LUKE 24:47, NRSV

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Pastor: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

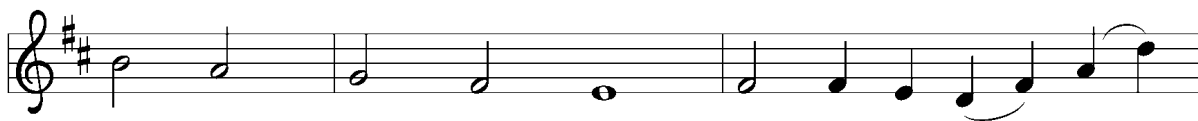
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

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GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Holy and righteous God,

**All: You are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.**

**Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

Leader: A reading from the book of Acts.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 *(Please read responsively)*

Leader: ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my
prayer.

**All: ²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

Leader: ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

**All: ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Leader: ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

**All: ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

Leader: ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**All: ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36b-48

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON:

Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *"We are the Body of Christ"*

SONG OF THE DAY: HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Verse 1

**The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice**

Chorus

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

Verse 2

**And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

Chorus

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

Bridge

**Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God**

Chorus

**How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God**

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Leader: Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Leader: Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration, especially for the work of Petaluma's Climate Action Commission. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness, especially, those listed, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Leader: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance, Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Leader: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Wellspring of joy,
All: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds;
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES

SENDING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Next Week:

Sunday, April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd’s willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Read Ahead: Acts 4:5-12 / Psalm 23 / 1 John 3:16-24 / John 10:11-18



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