

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day

April 21, 2025



**North Riverdale Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

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Welcome to North Riverdale Lutheran Church!

We are honored by your presence with us this morning. A few notes about our service:

- *Our worship service is hybrid – we also have folks participating via Facebook Live.*
- *Please sign the red “Welcome Pad” found in your pew.*
- *We invite you to take an active part in our worship service:*
 - ** marks the places to stand in body or in spirit.*
 - *The Congregation’s spoken parts are **printed in bold print**.*
 - *Hymns and songs are found in the green Lutheran Book of Worship (**LBW**), the blue With One Voice hymnal (**WOV**), or the Praise and Worship Songbook (**PWS**) – all in the pew rack in front of you or at the end of your pew.*
- *All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, with no exceptions.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Easter Lillies

Bill & Donna Alexander

Given in thankfulness for the church and its people

Karen Burks

Mel & Sondra Elliot

Given in memory of Mabel Elliot.

Minott Gaillard

Given in honor of our church family.

Gayle & Marty Haskel

Given in memory of their parents.

Dick & Pat Jones

Jim and Jerry Lake

Given in memory of Matt Lake.

Janet Ridenour

Denny & Pat Wegley

Given in honor of their parents.

Betty & David West

Given in memory of Betty's mom Novis Irene Powell Price.

Mike & Angie Wickizer

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME – Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please turn toward the baptismal font at the back of the church. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,

rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

*** GATHERING SONG *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!* LBW (151)**

*** GREETING**

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

And also with you.

*** SONG OF PRAISE**



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **I** Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **II** For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



* PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

The First Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people

of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now proclaim,
“His mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There is a sound of exultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous:**

¹⁶ “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD;
he who is righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ On this day the LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

The Second Lesson is from the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Choir response: Oh Death by Mercy Me



SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now a Green Blade Rises* (LBW 148)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and JOYS & CONCERNS

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

Together we affirm our faith.

We believe in God, and we are the people of God! We believe in the presence of God in human history, and the nearness of God's love.

We believe that God is revealed to us through the human life of Jesus, from whose death comes new life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who moves among God's people and invites the world into God's reign.

We believe that the world can change, that peace and wholeness can come, and that the reign of God upon the earth is possible.

THE PRAYERS

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and mission redevelopers and new ministries like Cultivate Miami Valley, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife like Sudan and Ukraine. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Help the Dayton Food Bank to obtain more food in this time of budget cuts and help the food pantries here at North Riverdale and at New Hope to find new ways to increase their stocks. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially those on our list of Joys and Concerns: _____. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Bless our efforts to band together with neighborhood groups on Saturday to clean up Sandalwood Park and allies in the neighborhood. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. Bless the children who are coming to Messy Church that they may know how much you love them. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those seated near you. After that, please be seated for the offering.

MEAL

OFFERING and CHOIR ANTHEM

*OFFERTORY (LBW P. 56)

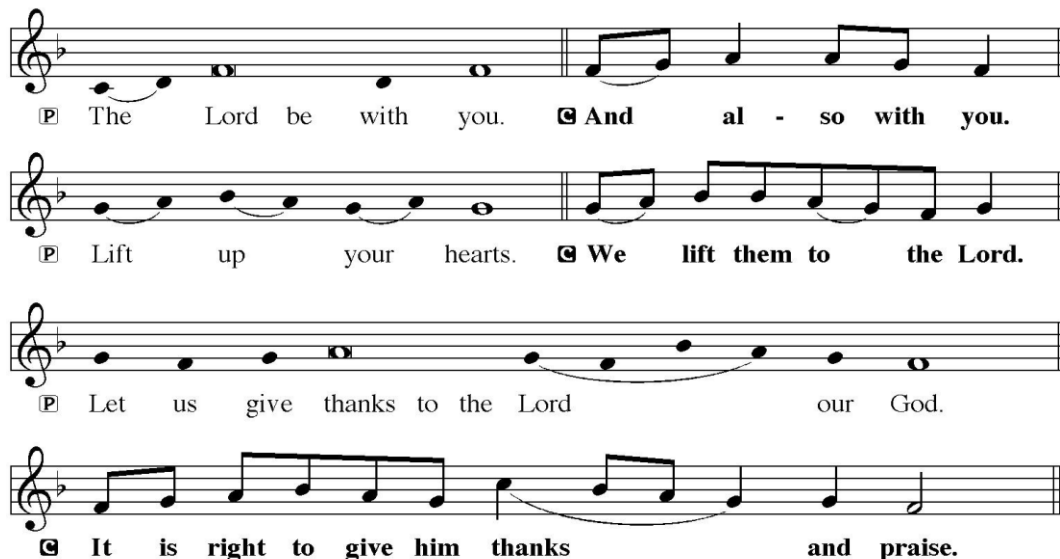


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

* GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The second staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The third staff begins with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking. The fourth staff begins with a 'C' (Crescendo) dynamic marking.

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

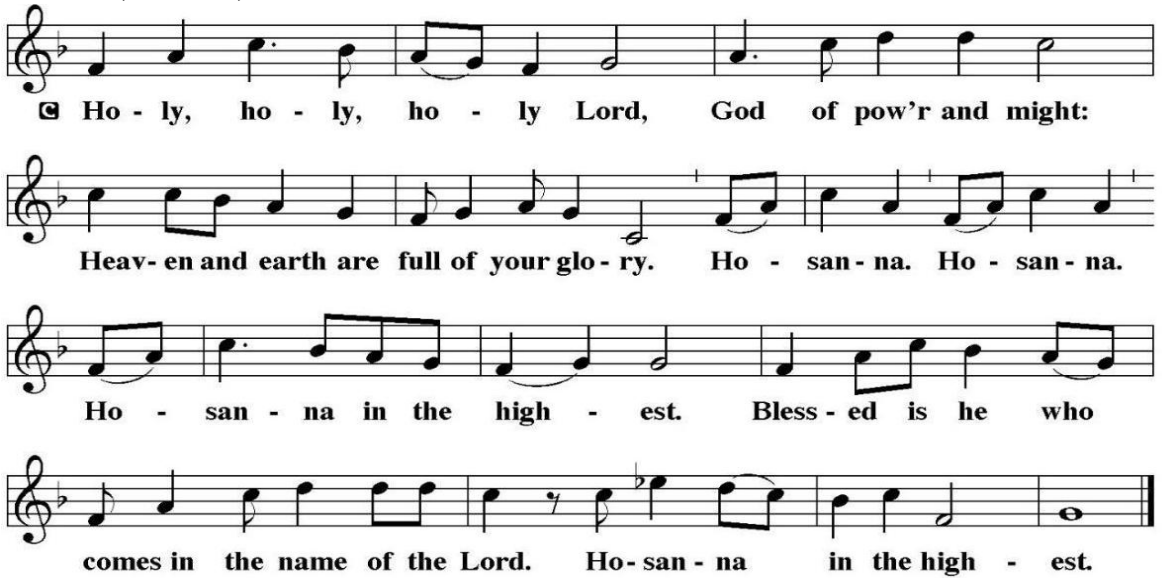
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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

In the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread and (+) gave thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, (+) blessed it, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Gathered as one though in many places, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

* LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

- *All are welcome to receive the bread and wine, no exceptions.*
 - *Let the usher know if you want the bread and wine brought to you at your seat.*
 - *Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.*
 - *Please ask if you (child or adult) would like a blessing in addition to or instead of the bread and wine.*
- *You may come up to the station that has been set up near the processional cross for anointing, laying on of hands, and a healing prayer.*

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION – *Let Us Break Bread Together* (LBW 212)

* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

SENDING

*** BLESSING**

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

*** SENDING SONG *Christ is Risen, Alleluia!* (LBW 131)**

*** DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Rev. Richard Freudenberger, Bridge Interim Pastor
Musician	Dana Peters
Assisting Minister	Carolina Van Luvender
Communion Assistant	Romona Carver
Greeters	Dave and Becky Gruber
Head Usher	Joe Hasenjager
Usher	Ron Marsh
Lay Reader	Zayn Van Luvender
Sound Board	Jim Bannan
Live Stream	Suzie Bannan
Money Counters	Andrea and Mark McGriff
Flowers	Ron and Donna Marsh in honor of Donna's Birthday
Our Altar Guild	Jerry Lake, Pat Jones, Karen Burks, Chris Mulcahy, Romona Carver, Donna Alexander, Karen Kurtz, Carolina Van Luvender

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the weekly update email that was sent out on April 19 for additional announcements. Printed copies are on the back table for your convenience

COMING UP AT NRLC

Monday April 21 at 5:30 PM – Messy Church downstairs. Join us for Easter Monday dinner!

Thursdays at 10:30 AM – Coffee and Fellowship Hour



Join us for Easter Monday Dinner!
Monday, April 21 at 5:30 PM

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Statement of Faith – adapted from Ruth Duck, *Flames of the Spirit*, 1985

GATHERING SONG *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (LBW 151)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now the Green Blade Rises* (LBW 148)

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,

he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Sending Song Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 *Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him
as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him,
rising up from griefs and tears.*

Refrain

*Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!*

2 *Christ is risen! All the sadness
of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness
he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending
see him rise, the victor now,*

*angels on his steps attending,
glory round his wounded brow. Refrain*

3 *Christ is risen! All the sorrow
that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow
in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving,
springing up from holy ground;
he was dead, but now is living;
he was lost, but he is found. Refrain*

4 *Christ is risen! Henceforth never
death or hell shall us enthrall;
be we Christ's, in him forever
we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection
of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection!
Let us rise and keep the feast. Refrain*