



April 4, 2021

**Community Lutheran Church
Frankford, Delaware**

Prelude – *The Fanfare Fugue* – J. S. Bach

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen, Indeed!

SPECIAL MUSIC
***Majesty* – Jack W. Hayford**

✠ GATHERING ✠

We gather together to praise God and receive His love.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of grace and glory,

C: You have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ✠ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: Amen.

AM: He is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

HYMN #365 – *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* – Verse 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!**

Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: 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.**

Litany for the Day of Resurrection

P: When the day is quiet and the world still sleeps and the morning is crisp and love breathes again.

C: **We praise you, O God of resurrection.**

P: When the time is now and the moment is on us and the place is here and the grave clothes are folded.

C: **We praise you, O God of renewal.**

P: When the day is new and the sun is fresh and the light is clean and the stone has rolled.

C: **We praise you, O God of empty tombs.**

P: Now we see the world differently. What we thought was the way of things yesterday is no longer the way of things today; death was yesterday, new life is today; tombs were sealed, now they are open; love was dead, now is alive again; death has been given a makeover, endings have a new perspective, things work differently now.

When the shouting has stopped and the suffering ended and the betrayal complete and the darkness stolen.

C: **Now we praise you, O God of life!**

(Please be seated.)

SPECIAL MUSIC
I Know My Redeemer Liveth
From *Messiah* – G. F. Handel

✠ WORD ✠

*We listen to the story of God's mighty
acts for the sake of His people.*

AM: First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

AM: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

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

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

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

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

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

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

AM: Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

AM: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to 20th Chapter of John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:1-18

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

SPECIAL ORGAN PRESENTATION

All: Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

AM: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

*(You are invited to greet one another
in the name of Christ from your seat.)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray:

C: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living 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 bought 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 arch angels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; 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.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: Together let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.

Invitation to Communion

P: The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

Holy Communion at Your Seat.

(At the end of the meal, please stand as you are able.)

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P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After the Meal

AM: Holy, gracious, God, here at this table
your promise of life is made tangible.
we have rested in the depth of your love;
we have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;
we accept you into our bodies, into our lives.
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.
Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.
And we give you thanks.

C: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

*We have heard the Word of God, offered our gifts,
and been fed at the table. Now we are sent out,
strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be
God's people in the world.*

HYMN #365 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today – Verse 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!**

Blessing

P: Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

C: The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

P: Because of our sins, he was handed over to die; and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

C: The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

P: May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

AM: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude – *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

– Emma Lou Diemer

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