



April 27, 2025—8:30 and 9:45 am
Sanctuary

First Sunday of Eastertide 2025

For this brief hour, we continue our celebration of Resurrection Joy, adding our voices to the stream of worship which began long before us and will continue after us, until the end of time and through eternity.

Prelude *Toccata on "Coronation"* Gordon Young

Community Life Update

*Call to Worship

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise.
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through ev'ry age; our God is all in all.

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*Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

*Hymn of Triumph

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat.
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried; now he lives forevermore—
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore. *(continued)*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia, alleluia! to the triune Majesty.

*"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heav'n" Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1862, alt.);
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***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

***Prayer of Adoration**

Baptism (9:45)

Quinn Marie Johnson, daughter of Eric and Elizabeth Johnson
baptized by TE Andy Lewis
assisted by TE Tim Pitzer

Scripture Reading

from John 11, Romans 8:11

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Choir: O Breath of God, come fill this place, revive our hearts to know Your grace,
And from our slumber make us rise, that we may know the risen Christ.

K4-K5 may leave for Kids Ministry.

One parent will need to escort the child to volunteers in the Commons Area for Kids Church.

All: O Word of God so clear and true, renew our minds to trust in You,
And give to us the Bread of Life, that we may know the risen Christ.

O love of God so unrestrained, refresh our souls in Jesus' name,
Let us reflect Your sacrifice, that we may know the risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit make us one,
In holiness let us unite, that we may know the risen Christ.

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Tim Pitzer

Confession of Sin

Matthew 25: 44-45

And they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then the King will answer, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me.'

Hymn of Confession

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own;
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that you have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God.

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Words of Grace and Peace

Matthew 25: 37-40

Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? When did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' And the King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'

Hymns of Response

Choir: There is an everlasting kindness, you lavished on us,
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost.
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress,
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, you reached out your hand,
As the lame ran to meet you and the dead breathed again.
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

*What boundless love what fathomless grace! You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise, as we show to the world your compassion.*

All: We stood beneath the cross of Calv'ry and gazed on your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace.
For surely you have borne our suffering and carried our grief,
As you pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief.

*What boundless love what fathomless grace! You have shown us, O God of compassion.
Each day we live an offering of praise, as we show to the world your compassion.*

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace,
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need.
To be a voice of hope and healing to answer the cries,
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ.

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What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior he will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid,
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon and he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus now and ever is my plea!
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus for he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Tim Pitzer, Next Generation Pastor

Liturgist: Jason Yon, Local Outreach and Mercy Director (8:30); Mark Reed, Executive Pastor (9:45)

Sunday School classes (Adult, Youth and Kids) do not meet today.

Our Elective, *Union With Christ*, will meet in the Learning Commons as 9:45 am.

Join us next Sunday, May 4, as we resume our Sunday School classes and begin our newest elective!

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