



*"For he himself is our peace..."*  
*Ephesians 2:14*

Today's Worship at  
**Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**Easter 2**

April 28, 2019  
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**Living in Peace**

The stock market may crash; buildings may burn down; banks may close; doctors, businesses, and the love of family members may fail; but the good things that Christ gives will never fail because they are based on historical fact – Christ's resurrection from the dead. He lives; and because he lives, we live in peace.

## WELCOME AND INVOCATION

# WE PRAISE GOD IN SONG

### Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord;



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to His name.



Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of cre - a - - tion.  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; now we shall live for - ev - er.  
Come, let us praise the liv - ing God; Joy - ful - ly sing to our Savi - or.

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### CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**ALL: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**for sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

## RESPONSE:



Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the  
peace of Christ rule in your heart, And what - ev - er you do, in  
word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord. Giv-ing thanks, giv-ing  
thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giv-ing thanks, giv-ing  
thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY** O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and Sacrament and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

## *Acts 5:12-21 – What a difference Easter makes*

<sup>12</sup> The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>13</sup> No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. <sup>15</sup> As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

<sup>17</sup> Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the

public jail. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. <sup>20</sup> “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

<sup>21</sup> At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. John 20:29b

**MUSICAL SELECTION** 10:30a – **COR School & Sunday School**

***“Christ Is Risen”***

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***John 20:19-31 – Jesus gives us the sense of sight, sound, and touch***

***Sight***

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

***Sound***

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

***Touch***

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# The Easter Senses: Sight, Sound, and Touch

## THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners. He redeemed us from Satan’s power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sin, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

## HYMN – “When Peace Like a River”

CWS 760

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When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,  
My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought-  
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,



When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll- What - ev - er  
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall



my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul.  
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## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Here we Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent Prayer*

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# WE LEAVE IN THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

CLOSING HYMN – “Welcome, Happy Morning”

CW 163

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"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" Age to age shall say;  
Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,  
He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,  
Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan's chain;

"Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!"  
God from heav'n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture's fall,  
Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.  
All that now is fal - len Raise to life a - gain.

Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more! Him their true Cre -  
Of the Fa - ther's God - head You, the on - ly Son, Man - kind to de -  
Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word; This is your third  
Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - 'ry land As in E - den's

- a - tor, All his works a - dore. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!"  
- liv - er Man - hood did put on. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!"  
morn - ing - Rise, O bur - ied Lord. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!"  
gar - den When the world be - gan. "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!"

Age to age shall say; "Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav'n is won to - day!" -  
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**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

## CALENDAR – April 28

Today 8 & 10:30a Worship  
9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School  
12p Catechism  
Wednesday 7p Choir  
Thursday 8:30a Breakfast Bible Study  
7p Worship with Communion  
7:45p Bible Study  
Saturday 9a – Noon COR Work Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

COR Work Day Saturday, May 4, from 9a to noon. A list will be available of jobs for the morning. Please come and serve your Savior!

Entertainment Night at COR: Join us Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30p. The students at COR have been working hard to prepare some entertainment for you. We'll save you a seat and some ice cream – please come!

RMLHS: The Board of Directors and faculty of Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School invite you to join them in celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the ministry of Mike Schaefer at a special Service of Praise and Thanksgiving. Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 3p. The service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 2600 S Wadsworth Boulevard. A reception will follow in the church basement.



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