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We express our appreciation for being able to meet on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw People. May we always look for ways to confront past injustices and support Snuneymuxw governance and jurisdiction.



Welcome & Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.**

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 to 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 Hymn #365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Glory to God in the highest (page 121-2)

Refrain

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *(Refrain)*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayers. *(Refrain)*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

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, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Corner

First Reading – Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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Men's Chorus: Run, Mary, Run

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 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. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(page 124)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Gospel – Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 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. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon Luke 24:1-12

It looked like we were at the end of the Jesus story. The women wanted to find closure that morning but someone was ahead of them.

They didn't know the men. They were afraid and cowered. After a surprise lecture about the empty tomb and their empty faith... they were told to remember what Jesus had always said: This would happen.

Leaving the spices, they hurried back trying to remember those details... and then a flood of memories rushed in. But the others dismissed their report, "*Give us a break! Go away! We don't want to hear it!*" An "*idle tale*" they said gruffly: a useless waste of time... But then there was Peter...

The women

The disciples felt defeated. Have you ever felt like that? Like nothing will change now... there are no more surprises... and we already know the answers to everything.

Christ is risen is the story that defines the Christian church. It announces something absolutely unknown. This pronouncement is different from object lessons, parables, examples from history, poetic license, drama, narrative, apocalyptic literature, word play or metaphor. Resurrection proclaims a recognizable, good return of life ... after certain death. Church bells ring it around the world today. It is something impossible... and impossible to explain... this resurrection of Jesus.

Resurrection is God's YES to the world's NO. It affirms that life and death belong to God alone, Jesus is the first fruits of something new... and we shall follow.

Christ is risen is not a question. It's an announcement.

A message

The two strangers challenged the women to rethink what they thought. Like a reboot of your cell phone or computer. They hurried back home refreshed and reconfigured because of this impossible Jesus.

Someone told me long ago: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believed in him would not perish but have everlasting life."¹ It sounded stupid. I rolled my eyes. I never heard that before and made fun of it. I

¹ John 3:16-17

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laughed with my friends about this fairy tale... this idle tale... but somewhere deep inside, in my heart of hearts, when no one was there and no one was looking, I wondered about if there could be something more than I knew. But I didn't want to be fooled.

That's how my hope began... wondering "could it be?" deep within. Faith takes shape in many ways. Simple for some... a long journey for others. The disciples thought the women were being hysterical. But Peter was unsettled. The story uses the resurrection word that he "got up" to check for himself what seemed ridiculous. Gradual faith eventually blossomed and reshaped that group like a family. Like the family we have here.

Listen to your own heart. Does it long for something new, something good? That's why the tomb was empty. It offers something unexpectedly good for our lives.

He was amazed...

It's a strange experience to live with a promise of new hope. A good word can call us to back to life. Trusting a promise can bring colour and awaken relationships or we can remain in the dark. Peter knew about that. Easter morning is a mystery showing that we don't have all the answers but there may be something good to carry us forward. **Christ is risen** means that the worst thing is never the last thing.

In spite of this hard world filled with wars and chaos, uncertainty and terror, people of faith are uplifted by the message that life prevails. Like a new morning, **Christ is risen** invites us to trust this Jesus of the empty tomb and rise above our fears.

Faith grew slowly for them. It can be like that for us too. I realize today that I will never understand everything about mystery. Faith is always a gift that somehow God awakens like a plant in the garden that is gently nursed with to grow and thrive.

The resurrection is a trumpet call in the distance, and I hear it getting closer as I age. Jesus is the first-fruit... like that first bud after a bleak and barren winter. It appears and then the others slowly follow and life wins. Death pays a visit, but **Christ is risen!** That report gets Peter and the rest of us up, shows us our friends, fills us with wonder, and helps us smile.

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Christ is risen means God is with us and we don't just fade away. Jesus always said that we are known and treasured. A new community grows as we remember his words and live his life together.

Easter Morning brings Christ to our hearts who shows himself present. At this table, words remind us every week *"Hello, I'm still here!"*

It is no idle tale. It's our new story. We live into it every day....

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen Indeed!

Hymn of the Day: In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm thru' the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The love of God was magnified.
For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

(A brief silence)

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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 new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. We pray for **Bishop Kathy Martin**; *Hills of Peace Lutheran, Kamloops* & **Pastor Jane Gingrich**; and *Redeemer Lutheran, Vancouver* & **Pastor Katrina Vigen**. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**. 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 (*we remember especially Ukraine; and Palestine*). 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. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially...

Shauna B; Cynthia C; Judy F; Gary G; Ahmad H & family; Dennis K; Donna K; Don & Vicki; Kari K; Colleen M; Marjorie M; Shirley M; Steven M; Katja R; Collette S; Doug S; Pastor Kristen Steele; Dave S; Gordie T; Colin F; June V-C; Gloria; Susana; Annie; Trisha; Zack; Sonja; Doug C & family; Vi A; Cody E; Deborah V & Theresa; Tanis; Lorne S; Karen & Barry...

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 communities. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. 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 Peace [*unmute*]

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The peace of Christ is with you always!

And also with you!

*(We greet each other gently with a wave, a smile,
or some other gesture of peace)*

The Offering

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Pastor continues...)

Holy, holy, holy (page 130)

*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. Hosanna in the highest.*

...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...*

Lord's Prayer Song (inside back cover of hymnal)

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**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Hallowed be your name, Hallelujah.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth
as in heaven, Hallelujah.**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

**Give us today our daily bread, give us today our bread,
Give us our bread today, Hallelujah.**

**Forgive our sins as we forgive
Forgive our sins as we forgive those**

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who sin against us, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Save us from the time of trial, save us from the trial.
Deliver us from evil, Hallelujah.
For the kingdom and the power are yours,
The kingdom and the power are yours,
the glory now and ever, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Amen.

Communion *(those on Zoom will be communed first, then those in the sanctuary)*
All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Lamb of God *(Hymnal, Setting 2, page 135)*
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:
Hymn #481 - Come to the Table (2x)

Hymn #471 - Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn # 619 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

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

Sending Song #389 - Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing *(vs. 1,2,4,5)*

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!

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Worship Assistants Today

Hymnologist: *Cheryl Satre* (musician selecting hymns):

Reader: *Rosalind Schramm*

Intercessions: *Neil Schramm*

Communion Assistants: *Marilyn, Flo, Carolyn, Laurie*

Zoom Techs: *Jamie & Marlis*

Zoom Host: *Dorothy Pagan*

Ushers: *Shirley Forwell*

Piano: *Cheryl Satre*

Trumpeters: *John Collett, Curt Satre*

Readings for next Sunday, April 27 - Easter 2
Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31