



CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION

*Rooted in History & Relevant for Today*



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The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, AD2024 at 10:00 AM

## Pastor's Letter

Welcome to Church of the Resurrection. We are glad you are joining us today. We are a new church in Sioux Falls that is part of a wider movement that seeks a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit. What this means is that our worship includes proclamation of God's Word, the regular celebration of Holy Communion, and an expectation that the Holy Spirit is active in the Church and in our lives.

If you're unfamiliar with Anglicanism, that's ok. Most people at Resurrection didn't grow up in this tradition either - myself included. We belong to a global church that, with more than 85 million adherents, is the third largest church in the world.

Our mission is to know Jesus and to make him known in our neighborhoods, our city, and to the ends of the earth.

Our values are

- Finding our identity in Christ
- Living with a new purpose in Christ
- Seeking renewal in our community
- The intentional nurturing of children
- Practicing hospitality

We are an intergenerational church, and we value the youngest among us worshiping next to older generations. Because of this, you may hear a little more noise from our young people. Please excuse our little ones as we believe the only way to learn to worship is to worship. This takes time and patience from each of us as we train our young Christians.

We're grateful to spent this time with you today, and we sincerely hope that you catch a glimpse of God's restorative work in this world today.

- Christopher

## Announcements

**Family Catechism:** What is catechism? It is a summary of the principles of Christian religion in the form of questions and answers, used for the instruction of Christians. All are welcome. Family Catechism is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 1 PM on Zoom. We will be dealing with question 31 of the catechism: *What does it mean that Holy Scripture is the Word of God?*

**Pentecost Potluck:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 19. We'll be celebrating Pentecost with a potluck.

**Connect:** Want to connect with Pastor Christopher? You can email him at [christopher@resurrectionsf.com](mailto:christopher@resurrectionsf.com).

**Advisory Team:** Tim Fountain ([tfountain@sio.midco.net](mailto:tfountain@sio.midco.net)), and Ryan McKeever ([ryanmckvr@gmail.com](mailto:ryanmckvr@gmail.com)) Our next meeting will be Monday, May 13 at 6:30 PM at the Ronning Library. Our meetings are open to the public, and if there's something you'd like us to put on the agenda, you can let one of us know.

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## Welcome and Greeting

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

*People* **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

*Celebrant* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*People* **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* I was glad when they said to me:

*People* **"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

*Celebrant* Praise the Lord:

*People* **The name of the Lord be praised.**

## The Collect for Purity (Kenyan)

*All* Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

## The Summary of the Law

*Celebrant*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

*Celebrant* Glory to the Father.

*People* **Glory to the Son.**

*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit:

*People* **Forever three in One.**

*Celebrant* Be glorified in the United States:

*People* **Be glorified in South Dakota**

*Celebrant* Be glorified at home.  
*People* **Be glorified in the Church**  
*Celebrant* Be glorified on earth.  
*People* **Be glorified in heaven.**  
*Celebrant* Glory to the Father.  
*People* **Glory to the Son.**  
*Celebrant* Glory to the Spirit.  
*People* **Forever three in One.**  
*Celebrant* Alleluia!  
*People* **Amen!**

See how good it is (Psalm 133)

See how good it is  
Gathering with friends  
Welcoming the stranger in  
See how good it is

**When God's children live as one  
By the Spirit we become  
The open arms of God  
To a world in need of love**

Sad divisions cease  
We're ordained as priests  
Spreading out God's joyful feast  
See how good it is

See the earth renewed  
By the morning dew  
All creation sings the truth:  
"See how good it is!"

### **God is Love let heav'n adore him**

God is Love let heav'n adore him; God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heav'ns above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love. God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love: and love enfolds us. All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp he holds us, every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find that selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God, deep within the heart of God.

God is Love: and though with blindness, sin afflicts all human life.  
God's eternal loving-kindness guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe shall reign, o'er the universe shall reign.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He

had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Be joyful in God, all you lands; \* sing praises to the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

<sup>2</sup> Say to God, “How wonderful are your works; \* through the greatness of your power shall your enemies cower before you.”

<sup>3</sup> For all the world shall worship you, \* sing to you, and praise your Name.”

<sup>4</sup> O come and see the works of God, \* how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

<sup>5</sup> He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot; \* therefore in him let us rejoice.

<sup>6</sup> He rules with his power for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

<sup>7</sup> Bless our God, you peoples, \* and make the voice of his praise to be heard,

<sup>8</sup> Who holds our soul in life, \* and does not allow our feet to slip.

### **The Second Lesson – First John 3:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

*People* **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

### **The Gospel Lesson – John 14:15-21**

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.



And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ

## The Sermon

*Celebrant* We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.      \*universal

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader*      Lord, in your mercy,

*People*      Hear our prayer.

### The Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant*    And now, trusting in Your faithfulness, we pray to You also for the  
forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

*All*    Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image;  
but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your  
love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do  
right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and  
forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit,  
the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high  
above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west,  
strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day;  
through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. Amen.

*Celebrant* And now let us respond in heart-felt thankfulness to God for forgiving us, saying together,

*All* **Thank you, Father, for forgiveness; We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **The Offertory**

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

### **The Sursum Corda**

*Celebrant* Is the Father with us?

*People* **He is.**

*Celebrant* Is Christ among us?

*People* **He is.**

*Celebrant* Is the Spirit here?

*People* **He is.**

*Celebrant* This is our God

*People* **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant* We are his people.

*People* **We are redeemed.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise...

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

The Sanctus

*People* **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.**

*The People may kneel or remain standing*

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation...Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

*All* **We have died together;**

**We will rise together;**

**We will live together.**

*Celebrant* This is the feast of victory.

*People* **The lamb who was slain has begun to reign. Alleluia.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.

### **The Fraction**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People* Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.

*Celebrant* The cup of blessing we bless.

*People* Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

*Celebrant* Draw near with faith and receive.

*People* Christ is the host and we are his guests.

*Celebrant* Christ is alive forever.

*People* We are because he is.

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians who are seeking to follow Jesus are welcome to take Communion. You may either drink from the cup or dip your bread in the cup.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your Word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and witness for you in the power of the Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.

### **The Seeds of the Kingdom**

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom;  
Far and wide, He announces new birth:  
“I, the Lord of Creation, am making new  
Every inch of the groaning earth!”

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter  
Is the Kingdom of God as its sown;

But the powers of hell shall against it fail  
When the Kingdom of God is grown.

**Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest,  
And we long for our King to appear,  
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r,  
The Kingdom of God is near!**

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom  
In the hearts of the poor and the weak.  
He declares to the captives, "I bring good news:  
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Through the city of God flows a river:  
From the throne of the Lamb waters pour.  
And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life,  
Where the nations are healed and restored!

### **The Blessing (Kenyan)**

*Celebrant* All our problems:

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant* All our difficulties:

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant* All the devil's works:

*People* **We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant* All our hopes:

*People* **We set on the risen Christ**

*Celebrant* Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." Go forth

in peace.

*People*      Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia.