



WE ARE SENT

BOOK OF ACTS: CONTINUING WHAT JESUS STARTED

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,

In this Easter Season, we remember our Lord Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, and the Church celebrates his glorious resurrection. In our celebration, we share in his victory over death as we hear his word and partake of his meal. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

**We bless you, Risen Christ,
that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.**

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

ELW 383

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.... O God,

you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

JOHN 15:12-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

*[Jesus said:]*¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

ACTS 9:1-19a (NLT)

The story of Saul's Conversion from a "Pharisee of Pharisees", who intensely persecuted the followers of Jesus to a follower of Jesus.

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. ² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

³ As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked. And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!" ⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." ⁷ The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! ⁸ Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. ⁹ He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord!" he replied. ¹¹ The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. ¹² I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again." ¹³ "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!" ¹⁴ And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON REFLECTION

Pastor Karen Pahl

REFLECTION SONG

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

CCLI# 4768151

OFFERING PRAYER

God of Love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we have given and those received. Teach us to continue to be generous, giving fully of ourselves, and sending us in service to a broken world, that we may truly be the body of Christ in this community and beyond.

Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Pause after each prayer for a brief time of reflection.

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Blessed People of God, this isn't my table. It's not your table. It's not our table. But it's Christ's table. And because it's Christ's table all of us are welcome here. At this table, you don't have to look a certain way, worship a certain way, or love a certain way. You just have to come, exactly as you are, seeking the one who is seeking you. So come, all of you, not because you must, but because you may, and here find forgiveness, healing and wholeness for your journey.

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.

Bless this bread and wine, along with all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, that we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, and in each other. With great joy this morning, I proclaim in Jesus' name that these are the gifts of God, for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Amen.

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.

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please bring out your pre-sealed communion cups at this time...they are bread & grape juice.

Or you can bring out any bread and juice/wine you have at home at this time for our meal.

And we will now share in God's Word, Christ's promise, and the blessings and grace of this meal.

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Build Up”

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SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us next week for Worship:

7th Sunday after Easter

9:30am Online Worship

10:00am Drive In Worship

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Deep Peace

Chorus

Deep peace
Of the running wave to you
Deep peace
Of the flowing air to you
Deep peace
Of the Prince of Peace to you

Deep peace
Of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace
Of the shining stars to you
Deep peace
Of the Prince of Peace to you

Deep peace
Of the Prince of Peace
Deep peace
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Deep peace
Of the Prince of Peace
Deep peace to you

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Build Up

Chorus

Build up prepare the way
Remove the obstructions from my people's way
Build up prepare the way
God is near God is here today

Verse

Break the chains of injustice
Let the oppressed go free
Share our homes with the homeless
And our bread with the hungry

Verse

God sees all our destruction
How we get in love's way
Still God comes and meets us
With a steady healing embrace

Bridge

Then your light will break forth like the dawn
And your healing will break into song

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news of Jesus wherever death holds its grip. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life and send us forward in hope to the day when by your mercy all things in creation will be renewed and restored. Give us, and all world leaders courage to lead all nations in compassionate care and to assist us in the healing of all of creation. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people and leaders of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings centered in peace and justice. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: be with those who are continuing to administer the COVID vaccines, those who are struggling, those who are dying – and those who grieve. We pray today for those in our congregation and beyond who need your healing spirit upon them; Jack, Robert, Gene, Rayann, Scott, Pastor Kara, Mark & Nancy, Bill, Don, Sandy, Earl & Hazel, Sandy, Jim, Kit, Mel, Jacki, Julie and Shirley.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for the gift of mothers who have brought us into the world of the resurrection! Fill us with love, knowing that as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all the saints who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!”

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.