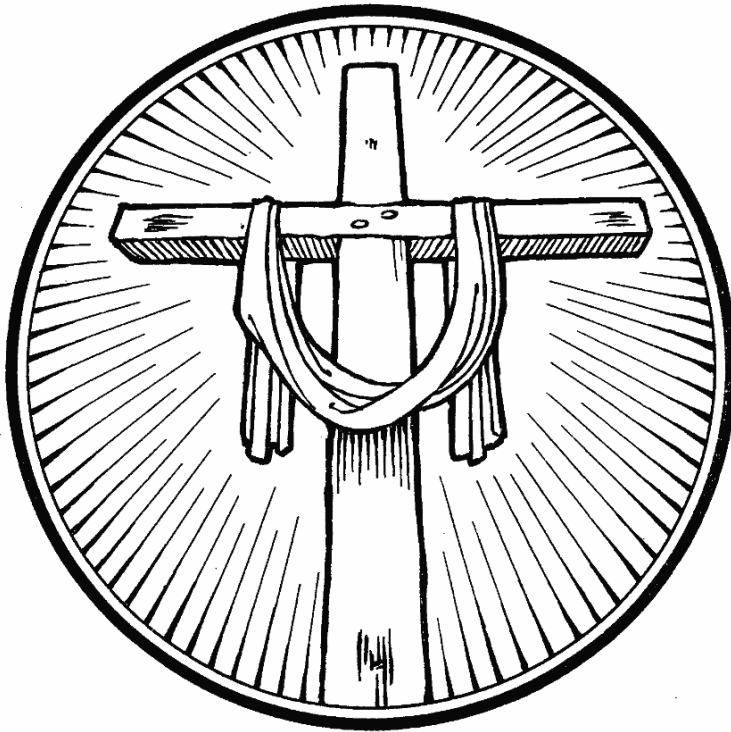


Sunday, April 5th 2025

The Resurrection of Our Lord



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WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!”
(Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this morning to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.



OUR COMMUNION POLICY:

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation by baptized believers in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Pastor – Rev. E.B. Holschuh
Piano – Susan Michael
Clarinet – Margie Clifton
Chimes – Epiphany Ringers
Lay Reader – Deb Layland
Assisting Elder – Dave Sager
Usher – Harlan Robb
Acolyte – E.J. Clontz

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

The Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection

Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, "*after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week*" (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, "*who was crucified,*" who "*has risen, as he said*" (Matt. 28:5-6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because "*you have died*" with Him in Holy Baptism, "*you have been raised with Christ*" and "*your life is hidden with Christ in God*" (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is "*the God of all the clans of Israel,*" and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He "*shows no partiality*" (Acts 10:34), but "*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*" (Acts 10:43). As "*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power*" and "*raised him on the third day,*" He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

Prelude

Selected Music

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Announcements

The people gather in silence in an unlit sanctuary.

- P** May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The lit Christ candle is brought into the sanctuary and placed on the altar.

- P** The light of Christ.

- C** **Thanks be to God.**

After the altar candles are lit, the pastor says once again.

- P** The light of Christ.
- C** Thanks be to God.

The lights throughout the worship area are lighted.

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457

(stand)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Ps. 130:3-4*
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*
- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sit)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(stand)

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

John 20:31

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

(sit)

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy

C hear our prayer.

Offering

Usher

(stand)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C 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 Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



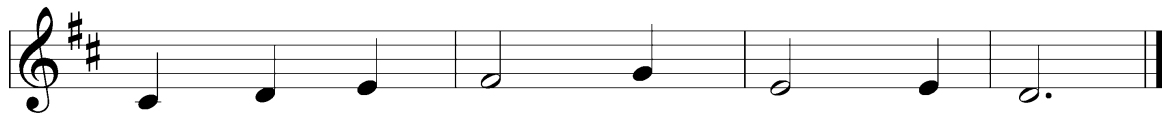
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(sit)

Distribution Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

(stand)

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

(sit)

Closing Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P Go in Peace!

C Serve the Lord!

Postlude

Selected Music

Initial and ongoing funding for Epiphany Lutheran Church has been received through a grant made possible by the Roy D. and Ingaborg G. Randolph Memorial Endowment Fund.

Alleluia
He is

Risen



CATECHISM CORNER | *Bite-sized teachings from Luther's Small Catechism*

Written in 1529 in Q&A format, the Small Catechism explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

TABLE OF DUTIES

Employees

Servants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. Ephesians 6:5-8.

SERMON NOTES: Matthew 28:1-10

Angel Eyes

1. _____ comes from awareness of the _____ along with a _____ in a positive outcome, no matter the uncertainty present.
2. _____, the _____ response to the _____, consists of knowledge (awareness), assent (belief), and confidence.
3. The _____ of separation has fallen; God is reconciled to _____; the sacrifice of the Son has been accepted by the Father—*this* is the supreme _____ reality.
4. Jesus sent his _____ out to be his _____, his messengers, to preach the _____ to the world.
5. “Do not be _____,” said the _____, who then made with three additional statements: an announcement, an imperative, and a _____.
6. Christ still gives His _____ “angel eyes”—eyes of _____ that see the crucified and _____ Savior through the testimony of His Word.



Epiphany Lutheran Church has a podcast! Our ***Peace Be With You*** podcast is available on popular podcast apps, but you can always find it at peacebewithyou.podbean.com (or just scan the QR code).



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

The first step to becoming a member of our congregation is to speak with our pastor.

We believe, teach, and confess that we are all broken sinners in need of God's salvation, which He freely gives through His Word and Sacrament. Church is not a club for the sinless— it's a hospital for sinners!

You may become a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church by transferring your membership from a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) or you may receive instruction from the pastor and become a communicant member of Epiphany and the LCMS through Adult Instruction Class or through a profession of faith.

Epiphany Events Calendar: Our congregation calendar is on our website (epiphanybastrop.org); to add an event, please email secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

Offering: Should you wish to make your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKYH/home> or scan this QR code.



Sunday Schedule Change NEXT SUNDAY, April 12th: We will be changing our Sunday schedule to 9am Sunday School, 10am coffee fellowship, and 10:30am worship in conjunction with our transition from the SDA to Three Oaks (124 Three Oaks Ln.)

10am Adult Sunday School Update: Next Sunday we'll begin a 19-week video study, *Drive Thru History: Ends of the Earth*, and follow host Dave Stotts as he travels the globe to tell the 2,000-year story of how the Gospel of Jesus Christ reached the Ends of the Earth!

Thursday 6pm Zoom Video Study picks up again on 4/9 (Thursday after Easter) - Are you weary from your challenges, wounded by your battles, or worried your world is spinning out of control? Have the struggles pilfered the life out of *your* life? If so, the book of Esther brings welcome news: Relief will come! Join us for *You Were Made for This Moment*, a 4-week series based on the OT book of Esther. Register now: bit.ly/ELC-ThisMoment

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with the dedication service on Saturday, May 2. Contact Linda Hanson or Terri Rosser.

Land Dedication Service May 2nd: Please RSVP by scanning this QR code or contact Terri Rosser.



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Answers to Sermon Notes:

1. **Confidence** comes from awareness of the **facts** along with a **belief** in a positive outcome, no matter the uncertainty present.
2. **Faith** the **human** response to the **divine**, consists of knowledge (awareness), assent (belief), and confidence.
3. The **wall** of separation has fallen; God is reconciled to **men**, the sacrifice of the Son has been accepted by the Father—**this** is the supreme **Easter** reality.
4. Jesus sent his **apostles** out to be his **angels**, his messengers, to preach the **Gospel** to the world.
5. “Do not be **afraid**,” said the **angel**, who then made with three additional statements: an announcement, an imperative, and a **promise**.
6. Christ still gives his **Church** “angel eyes”—eyes of **faith** that see the crucified and **risen** Savior through the testimony of His Word.

PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please share any prayer request on the Prayer Requests sheet as you enter on Sunday. You may also email a prayer request, as well as a request to become a part of Epiphany's prayer chain, to secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

Please continue to pray for...

- Becky Bartelt – missionary in Taiwan
 - Fay Betak, Jim Haynes, Elaine Ottinger, Gert Schriener, and all the residents at Argent Court Assisted Living in Bastrop
 - Richard Sager
 - Charity – Lisa Clontz's Friend
 - Carl and Sandy Sneck
 - Mica Farr
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THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:

Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday

- 10:00am – Easter Brunch
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Tuesday, April 7th

- 3:00pm – Devotional at Argent Court
- 6:20pm – Elders Meeting

Thursday, April 9th

- 6:00pm – Zoom Video Study: *You Were Made for This Moment*

Sunday, April 12th (NOTE THE TIME CHANGE!)

- 9:00am – Children's Sunday School
- 9:00am – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 10:30am – Worship Service with Communion



From the Pastor: *Pray for peace. Prepare for trial.*

While watching a game of my Texas Rangers' opening series in Philadelphia on tv this past week, I caught sight of a stadium ad from a local law firm that read: *Pray for peace. Prepare for trial.* It struck me that this simple phrase captures something deeply true about life in a fallen world. People hope conflicts can be resolved peacefully—but they also know that sometimes disputes end up in court.

That phrase also describes something about the spiritual struggle that takes place in the life of every sinner.

The Christian Church is, in one sense, in the business of reconciliation. St. Paul writes, "God... reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). The Church proclaims peace between God and humanity through the forgiveness of sins won by Jesus Christ. Whenever the Gospel is preached and the Sacraments are administered, the message is clear: sinners may be reconciled to God through faith in Christ.

But reconciliation does not come without a struggle. Each of us walks through the church doors carrying something: guilt, resentment, fear, pride, or anger. Sometimes the conflict is within our own hearts. Sometimes it is between us and others. The Church is not a gathering of people who have their lives neatly resolved; it is a gathering of sinners whom Christ is calling, forgiving, and reshaping.

In that sense, the ad's tagline fits surprisingly well: *Pray for peace. Prepare for trial.*

We pray for peace—peace with God and peace with one another. We pray for restored relationships, healed wounds, and forgiven sins. We pray that hearts would soften and that reconciliation would prevail.

But we also prepare for trial—not a courtroom trial, but the daily struggle against sin, pride, and unbelief. Jesus Himself told His disciples that following Him would involve conflict. The old sinful nature resists repentance. Pride resists forgiveness.

Hurt resists reconciliation. Even in the Church, sinners sometimes wound one another.

This is why the Resurrection matters so deeply! On Easter morning, God declared that the work of reconciliation was finished. The Cross was not a defeat but the payment for sin. The empty tomb is God's verdict that Christ's sacrifice was accepted and that forgiveness is now proclaimed to the world.

Through the Risen Christ, God has already made peace with us. St. Paul writes, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). The ultimate trial—God's judgment against sin—took place on Good Friday, at the Cross. The verdict? Forgiven.

And that changes everything. Because Christ has reconciled us to God, we can face the struggles of life differently. We can confess our sins without fear. We can forgive others because we ourselves are forgiven. We can pursue reconciliation, even when it is difficult.

And so the Church continues its work. As Christ restores us, He sends us into the world with His peace—connecting people to the Savior who forgives, growing together in His Word and grace, and multiplying His mercy as that same reconciliation flows through us to others.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

