



OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Southern Pines, North Carolina

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Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

PRELUDE - Forever

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. (*Water is poured into the font.*)

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

People: **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG - Jesus Christ is Risen Today. ELW #365

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

People: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory of our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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 resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.”

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; **his steadfast love endures forever!**

²Let Israel say, “**His steadfast love endures forever.**”

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; **he has become my salvation.**

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “**The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**”

¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, **and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, **but he did not give me over to death.**

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, **that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; **the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹I thank you that you have answered me **and have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected **has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³This is the Lord's doing; **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...
People: Thanks be to God.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON - Heather Lussier

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – I Know That My Redeemer Lives! ELW#619
v. 1-2 Gospel Procession Part 1; v. 3-4 Gospel Procession Part 2

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON: Made New: How Easter Changes Everything
Faith in Christ Makes Us New
Rev. Frank Waugh

THE HYMN OF THE DAY - Glorious Day

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING - Celebration on "Azmon" OSLC Handbells

THE OFFERING RESPONSE

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ELW p. 144

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE (*Sung by Pastor*)

THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken)

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

The God of all, who raised (+) Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live as God's new creation. **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG - Christ is Risen! Alleluia! ELW#382

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Easter Lilies and Gifts to Summer Day Camp

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Dedication</i> |
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| Tom Adams | in memory of Luther and Elizabeth Adams |
| Richard and Roberta Barnes | to the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren |
| Peter and Peggy Benson | to the glory of God and in memory of Vivian Benson |
| Carol Bruno | in memory of Joe Bruno, Erma and John Snyder, Henrietta Kaiser, Ted Snyder and Bryan Snyder |
| Carolyn Gordon | to the glory of God and in honor of her parents, Helen and Harold |
| Shane and Tiffaney Flack | in memory of Grayson Flack |
| Carol Linthicum | in memory of Gene Linthicum |
| Annemarie Loeser | in memory of John Loeser and Irmi Wahner |
| Steve and Barb Marks | to the glory of God |
| Gretchen Nelms | in honor of her children and grandchildren |
| Jim and Patty Peeples | to the glory of God and in honor of loved ones |
| John and Linda Strohmenger | in memory of Ryder Knechthe |
| Barbara Vainio | in honor of the musicians of Our Saviour |
| Larry and Bunny Wilson | in honor of Laura, Johnny, Isabella and Frances Baylor; Martha and Phillip Maxwell |
| Gay Wittenstrom | in memory of Keith Wittenstrom |
| Richard and Sandra Zimmer | in memory of Adriane Morris, who passed away suddenly at the age of 41 |

Thank you to all who purchased lilies that adorn the sanctuary and to those who donated to our Summer Day Camp Fund.