

NOTES

Easter Season Worship Celebration
Setting 3 Evangelical Lutheran Worship
April 28, 2019
8:08 and 11:08 am

join
THE
EASTER
STORY

good news that must be shared!

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INTRODUCTION:

L: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship and the morning prelude.

PRELUDE

Michael Chambers

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pastor Sarah Wright

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE BAPTISM

ELW page 236 Assisting Minister

L: Please rise as you are able. Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Easter is a season. The good news must be shared. We celebrate baptism as a gift for this life. Baptism is a new beginning. When a baptized Christian affirms the faith (often called confirmation) the minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism and asks this question: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

All: We do, and ask God to help and guide us.

L: In Holy Baptism, we make these promises as parents, godparents, and congregation. We need God's help in living out the journey.

All: Everyone is born a child of God. Thank you for baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thank you for this free gift of grace and unconditional love.

L: We are invited to discipleship, connected in the body of Christ as students:

All: children of the same heavenly father, working together in mission.

L: And so begins a daily claiming and re-discovering of the God-given gifts of discipleship. These gifts overlap and are intertwined as one gift flows into another and into faithful living. Come to the waters. Be refreshed. Be blessed. Fear not. The Messiah is revealed: Christ is risen!

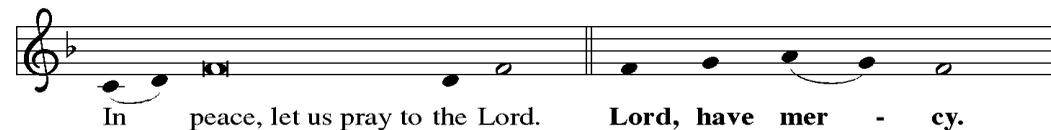
All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING OF FROM APOSTLE PAUL (2 Corinthians 13:13)

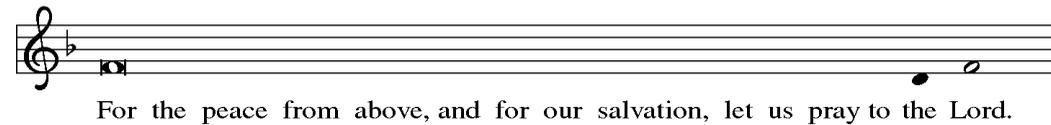
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L: The Apostle Paul writes to remind the church, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

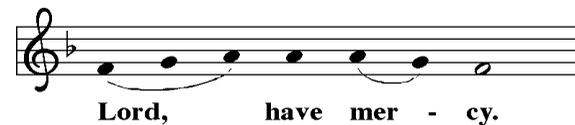
All: And also with you.



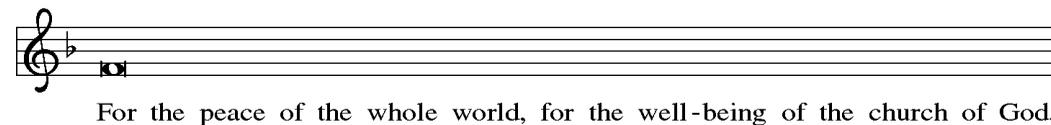
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



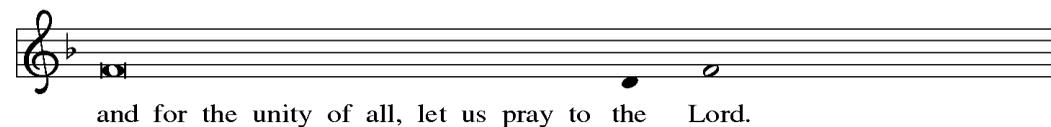
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



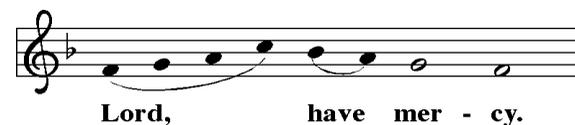
Lord, have mer - cy.



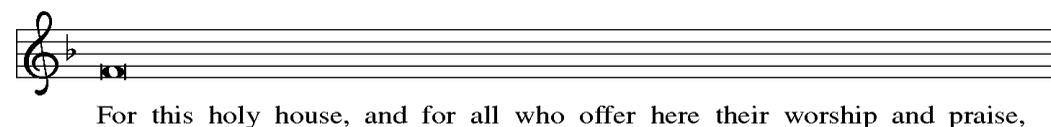
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



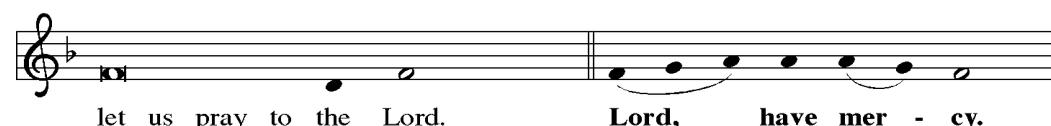
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



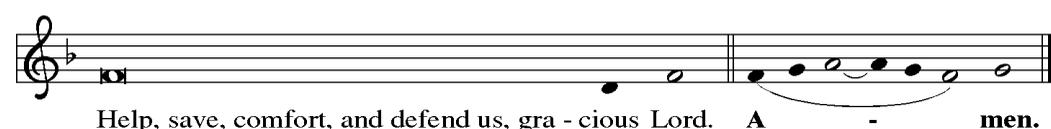
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (This is the feast.....)

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Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all ere - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Lift up in prayer:

Jack & Sue Arsenault
 Harvey Blevins
 Pastor Boliek
 Hal Clem
 Diane Corkran
 Ava Daniels
 Margaret Ellison
 Freda Flury
 Chris Gummerson
 Janet Habersat
 Heinz Haller
 Tiffany Henning
 The Hobbs family
 Jackie Lober
 Worth McKeithan
 Leona Mickey
 Tony Montone
 Jo Morrison
 Bill Moulds
 Claire Sigwart
 Ross & Jeanette Smith
 Ruth Welkner
 Ted Weyforth

Condolences:

The family of Evelyn McKeithan
 on her passing

Special needs:

Violence in our society
 All those devastated by natural disasters

This week we pray for:

† Food Pantry Team
 † Funeral Buffet Team
 † Garden Ministry

Our mission partners:

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
 – Prs. Gary Dittman & Carol Perlie
 Prs. Mercedes & Isaias Nelson (Dom. Rep.)
 Pr. Tyrone Smith (New Orleans)
 National ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
 Delaware Maryland synod Bishop Bill Gohl
 Nicole & Kevin Fuhr, serving Guatemala
 Crucified Church in Johnstown, PA
 – Pr. Josh Knipple
 Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

Members of the week:

Pastor Boliek-Birthday Party today at 12p
 Bob Rayme & Cindy Hilbert-Rayme
 Leslie Reese
 Louisa Rettew

Names on the prayer list are printed with permission of the person named. After receiving permission you may place a completed yellow prayer request card in the offering plate or contact the church office to add a name to the prayer list. After four weeks on the list a name will be removed unless the office is notified for an extension of time. Visitation: please notify the church office if you anticipate a hospital stay. Thank you!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” ELW # 373

BLESSING WITH PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Receive the blessing. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen. Let us pray. Lord we thank you for the word made flesh, the Word of life and bread of heaven. Thank you for connecting us as the body of Christ. Rebuild your church. Rebuild each of us. That, fed by your Word, we may be your church rising in grace, learning the story, loving to tell the story as student disciples on a big mission following Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEXT STEPS

Pastor Sarah Wright

HYMN

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” ELW # 579

REMEMBER OUR MISSION

L: Let’s carry our mission forward

All: Welcome all. Tell the story. Grow as disciples. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray as we focus on ACT 6: the Church.

All: We thank you for this Splash Sunday and the gift of new life. Help us believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. With the goodness of Jesus’ resurrection, help us in the great commission, to go therefore and make disciples. Help us to know what this means and how to do it with a personal invitation, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

L: Please be seated for the reading of God’s Word

BIBLE READING Matthew 28:16-20

Reader

Let’s join the story, an introduction for our reading on Act 6 The Church. In the last chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, after the resurrection Jesus gives direct instructions that become known as the “Great Commission.” God chooses to give us an integral role in sharing God’s story with the world even when we have doubts.

A reading from Matthew chapter 6:

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

R: This is the Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah Wright

HYMN

“We Are Called”

ELW # 720

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Please kneel or be seated.)

Assisting Minister

L: Please be seated or kneel for prayers of the church. Let us pray.

SHARING THE PEACE

Assisting Minister

L: Please rise as you are able for the sharing of the peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us greet one another especially visitors. If you are not well give a wave for peace and prayers. We are a very loving church, but please ask someone if it is okay to share a hug. Hand sanitizer is now at the corners of the sanctuary.

OFFERING & MUSIC

L: Let us celebrate the offering of time, talents and treasures. Don't forget to drop in a yellow pew card too.

OFFERTORY MUSIC 808am

Michael Chambers

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 1108am

"Da Pacem Domine" - Linda Spevacek
"Give peace in our time, O Lord"
Jubilee Singers

OFFERTORY

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ELW # 678 v. 1

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
Please rise as you are able.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister

L: Let us pray,

All: God, thank you for our many, many blessings. Take of our plenty and supply the needs of those who have very little, joining us with them in one family of humanity. Bless these gifts for ministry and mission with others in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Sarah Wright

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P: Let us join in unity and prayer...

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

Please speak your name to the assistant and then receive communion by intinction ~ dip the wafer into the wine. Gluten free wafers are available by request. Juice is available for those who prefer it instead of wine. Please alert an usher if you would like communion but are unable to come forward.

LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.