

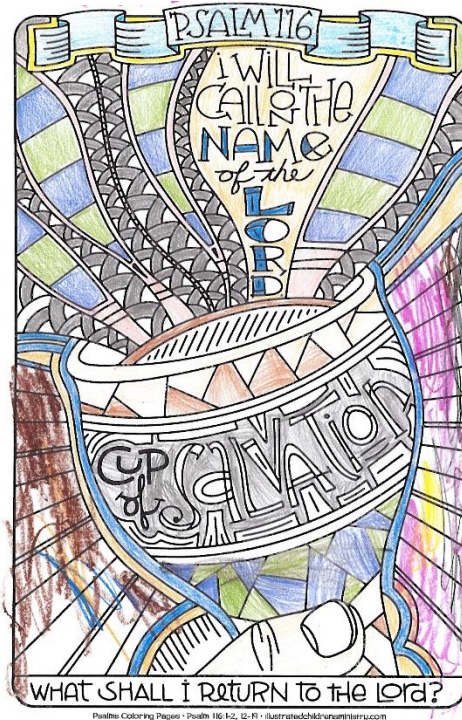
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

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Pastor

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By the Cassel Family

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Bless We the Name of the Lord* Chamber & Children's Choir

DECLARATION

This is the day! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Today is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days and the pinnacle of the church's year. The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome new sisters and brothers at the font, and share the food and drink of the Promised Land. Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia! All Stand & Sing*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3: tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

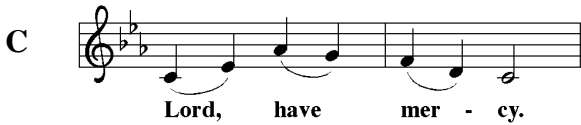
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

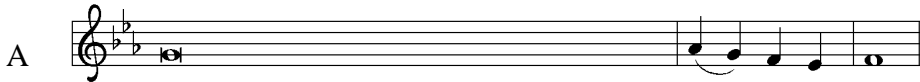
KYRIE



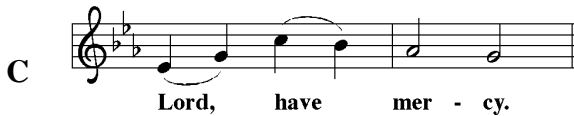
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



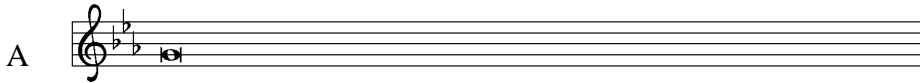
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



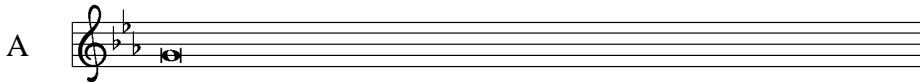
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

C 

Lord, have mer - cy.


A 

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

C 

A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE All Sing Refrain & Verses

Refrain 

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to


Refrain



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Congregation is seated and invited to **sing "Jesus Loves Me"**
as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children's sermon**. Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day. Children **birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age in the nurseries.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–43

A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the risen Lord in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he

was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: *The Congregation stands & turns to face the Processional Cross*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

P The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

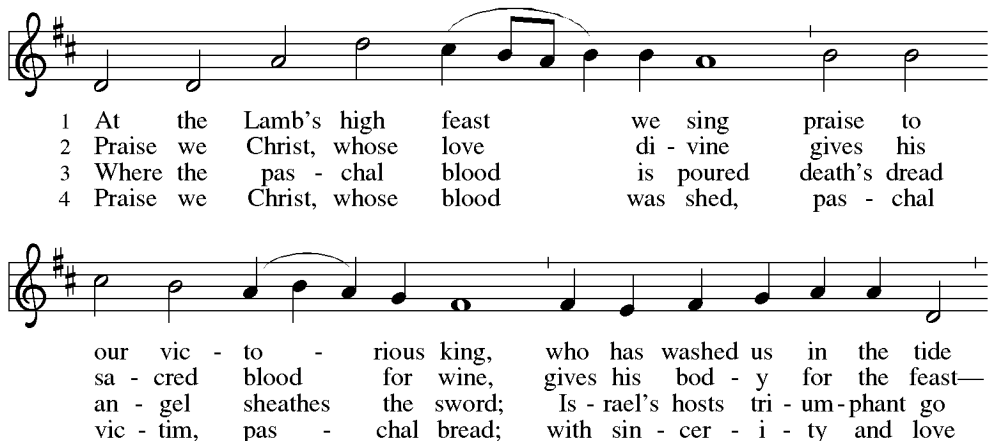
P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL RESPONSE: *On Earth Has Dawnd This Day of Days* Church Choir

SERMON Pastor Micah

HYMN OF THE DAY: *At the Lamb's High Feast* All Stand & Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

6 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:

I present Maddox and Jagger Shaw for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Maddox & Jagger baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

As you bring Maddox & Jagger to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that Maddox & Jagger may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Maddox & Jagger grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Maddox & Jagger by praying for them in their new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

P (Maddox & Jagger Shaw), I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Sustain Maddox & Jagger with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

(Maddox & Jagger), child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.

A brief silence.

You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized, Maddox and Jagger, as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.
Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Christ Rising Again* Church Choir

Choir: *Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains.*

*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
whose rising forth with life restored removes death's dreadful sting.*

*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength,
no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God.*

*Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name.*

The Congregation stands & sings as the elements & offering are brought forward.

Refrain



Christ ris - ing a - gain dies no more, death has no



strength, no pow - er o - ver him; for in that he



lives, h e lives to God.



Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died. In



Repeat Refrain

Christ let all the earth re - joice, Our Lord, once cru - ci - fied.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

Pastor

Congregation

The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two staves are for the Pastor, and the last two are for the Congregation. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. 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.

PREFACE

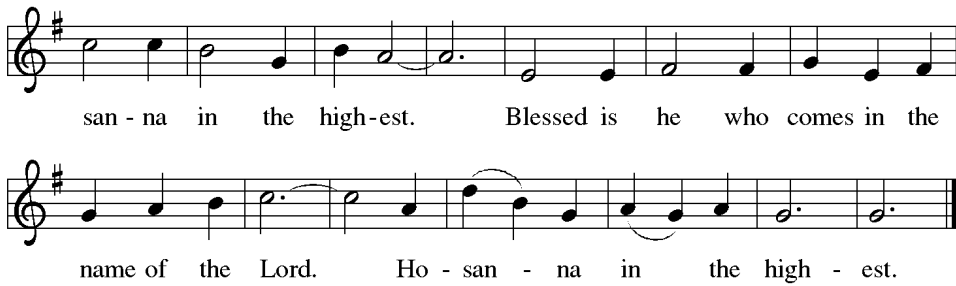
...We praise your name and join their unending hymn...

SANCTUS

The musical notation is written on two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

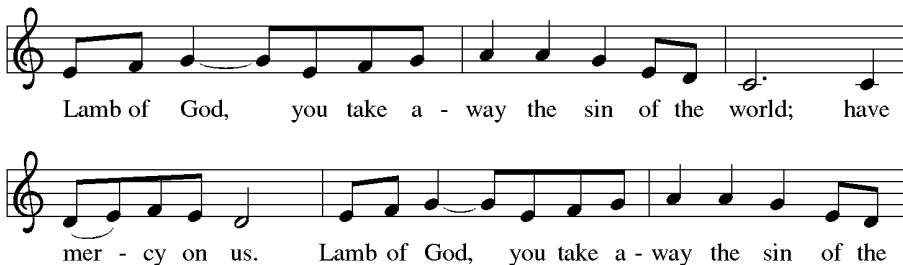


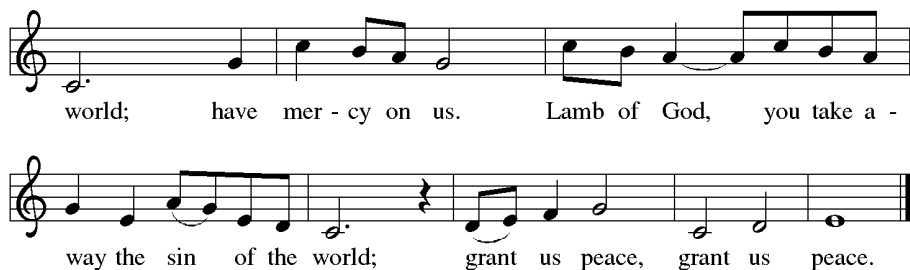
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

C Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD All Sing





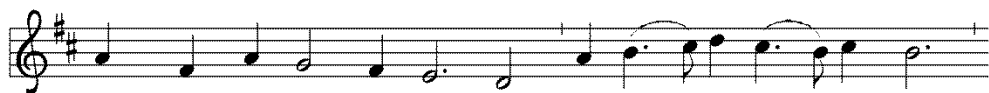
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

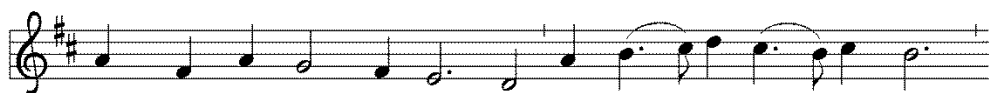
A cordial invitation is extended to all persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Music During Communion:

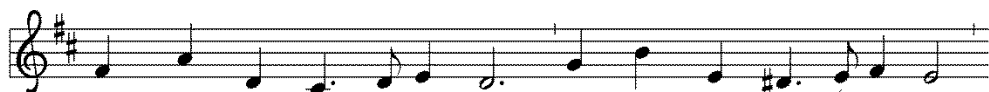
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Suzanne Fairbairn
Alleluia! Let Praises Ring Handbell Choir
Christ Is Risen, Alleluia Chamber Choir
Awake, My Heart, with Gladness All Sing



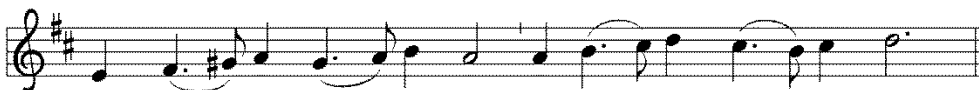
1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;
 2 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;
 5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.
 my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through.
 where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,
 He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;
 "Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;



when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.
 he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.
 he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.
 Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.

Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!* All Stand & Sing

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re - turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.

Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Festive Trumpet Tune* German

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children **(infants through 3 years old)** are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given by Myra & Bill Hollar to the glory of our risen Savior and in memory of their loved ones.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Carmen Buell, Worship & Music

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, March 25, 2018:

Attendance: 174

<u>Budget Report</u>	<u>March 25, 2018</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Offering	\$ 6,073.00	\$ 64,821.03
Expenses	\$ 5,551.17	\$ 65,016.11
Offering less Expenses	<u>\$ 521.83</u>	<u>(\$ 195.08)</u>
Budgeted Expenses		<u>\$ 67,935.78</u>
Offering less Budgeted Expenses		<u>(\$ 3,114.75)</u>

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye

DECLARATION: Bob Koehler

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS:

Volunteers

GREETER: Volunteer

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 1)

Bev Mauney, Co-Captain

Charles Mauney, Co-Captain

Carmen De Nicholas

Deb Williams

NURSERY: (10:30 am-11:45 am)

Katie Kessen

DUET: Diann Halvorson & Raini Kimball

PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon

Diann Halvorson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:

Volunteers

TRUMPETS: David Toler

Brandon McCotter

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Volunteers

TELLERS: Fran Holland, John Koehler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jill Cassel

USHERS: Volunteers

CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE ASSISTANT: Beka Forst

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: April 1-7

Today, April 1 Barbara Kasmer

April 3 Garrett Carpenter

April 4 Sherry Alexander

Susan Clark

April 4 Sandra Cline

Myra Hollar

April 5 Taylor Buchanan



THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, April 1

7:00 am **Sunrise** Service w/HC
Handbells immediately
after the service
Breakfast after the service
No Children's Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room
10:15 am Children's Ensemble
10:30 am The Service w/**Holy Communion**

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 pm Nar-A-Non

Thursday, April 5

7:00 pm Men's Group meets

We welcome **Suzanne Fairbairn** to the organ console sharing a musical selection as the choir receives Holy Communion. Suzanne served as organist/music director at First Presbyterian Church, Belmont for over 25 years.



**Welcome via Holy Baptism to Maddox & Jagger Shaw,
Children of Melany & Josh Nixon**



**NOTE: Today is the deadline for submitting balance payments for the
Isle of Palms Retreat.**



**Agape Day Camp
will be held July 15th-20th
For grades entering 1st - 8th**



Registration forms are available from **Misty Koehler**. The cost is **\$130 per camper and is due at the time of registration**. There is only room for 32 campers, so register soon. The spaces will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Please contact Misty if you have any questions about camp.



***Our beautiful Easter lilies were given to the Glory of God,
in honor, or in memory of loved ones by the following:***

Cynthia Bryon in memory of her grandmother Edna C. Wagner
Greg Byrum to the Glory of God for Cullen McKay
Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Libby) Byrum
Greg Byrum in honor of the Adult Sunday School Class
Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum
Jill Cassel in memory of Dick Michael
Jill Cassel in honor of the HCLC Family
Shirley Causby in honor of Greg Cline
Shirley Causby in memory of Tommy Causby
Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby
Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller
Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William L. Kannapel
Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega
Carmen De Nicholas to the Glory of God
Richard & Kay Holden to the Glory of God
Sue Lahr in memory of Stan Lahr
Dianne Lail in honor of children Carmen & Joel and
grandchildren Arden, Merritt, Ashleigh & Evan
Charles & Bev Mauney in honor of Ginger, Chuck & Jake MacDonald, Al McCoy,
Jimmy, Katie, Henry & Anna and Laurel & Chris
Charles & Bev Mauney in memory of Heather Yount, Ray & Betsy Mauney,
Pam Mauney, Mary McCoy, and Harold & Virginia Lawber
Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice & Mark Lyerly
Elaine Moose in honor of Beverly Lineberger
Paul & Tracey Nault in honor of Madeline Elizabeth Clark
Paul & Tracey Nault in honor of Caroline, Aaron, & Ashton Nault
Nancy Powell in memory of parents, James & Margaret Sipe
Kurt & Cynthia Scholler to the Glory of God (2 lilies)
Lynne Sudarich in memory of parents Leonard & Marie Sudarich
Deb Williams in memory of mother Vivian Lane and husband Bob
Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Yount

This is the list that was turned into the church office.
We apologize if there were names omitted from this list.



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Cathleen Allen
Carmen Buell
Brenda Dabrowski
Ardean Ewing
Becke Featherstone
Dot Holland

Zac Hullander
Jo Irwin
Ben Moose
Holly Peche
Sherry Perry
Marguerite Shive

Jo Singleton & Family
Denise Taylor
Jack Tench
Beverly Reynolds
Jerri Wesson

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Bobbie Bingham
Amy Beale Blythe
Doug Brewer
Karen de la Vega
Carol Fox

Larry "Poss" Garrett
Brandi Hager
Beverly Lineberger
Jennifer Lineberger
John McDermid

Clarence McLain
Anne Murdy
Tommy Smith
Brody Thornburg
Dennis Yates

OUR SERVICEMEN



Beau Carroll Tom Kasmer Leo Kasmer Colton Parker

Please remember these people in your prayers.

**If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list,
please inform the church office.**

The sign-up prayer forms are in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship Ministry



Applications for the 2018-2019 academic year are now available in the church office or via email at holycomforter@gmail.com. Include *Lineberger Scholarship* in the subject line. The office manager will send you an application that you can complete. **The deadline for your *completed* application, transcript, and typed essay is April 30. Any applications received after that date will not be considered.**

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship was established as an endowment by Mrs. Lineberger to the congregation to reinforce students of the church in their learning and in the accomplishment of an undergraduate or graduate degree. Her hope was that this bequest would help improve their lives, and in turn, serve and enrich the lives of others. Modest scholarships will be awarded to students of the congregation from the fund.

Authorized by the Holy Comforter Church Council, the Scholarship Ministry accepts applications from candidates who have been communing and contributing members of the church for at least one year. The annual deadline is the last Sunday in April and the awards are announced in May or early June.

The amount of the award depends on the following:

- Number of students applying for, and receiving, an award
- Total amount in the fund
- Recent fund performance

Other donations to this fund can be made as memorials or tributes to friends and family on their special occasions. Please make checks payable to *Holy Comforter* and write *Lineberger Scholarship Ministry* on the memo line to ensure your gift is credited appropriately.

As the fund grows, we will be able to give more help to students.

Thank You,
The Scholarship Ministry



Attendance March 25, 2018

	Adults	Kids
Pre-K		7
Lower Elementary		3
Upper Elementary		4
Middle		4
Seekers	5	
Senior Adults	8	
Ed's Men	2	
Totals:	15	18



BIG NEWS!

We are hosting a Yard Sale as a Fundraiser for Houston!!!

You can bring by the things you wish to donate to our yard sale. We ask that you put them ***UPSTAIRS in the baby nursery.***

If you have large items to donate, we ask that you wait until after Easter to drop them off.

Our yard sale will be held on April 14th from 7 am till 12 pm.



The **National Youth Gathering** is exactly what it sounds like,
30,000 + youth will gather in Houston.
We are excited to serve, worship and gather in large community.
There are 94 days till our group of 7 travels to Houston!
For more information or looking to help, talk to Beka.



In the coming months you will be introduced to one of our seven travelers to Houston. Below, meet Bella Ince.

Hi, my name is Bella Ince and I am 14 years old. I am in 8th grade at Mt. Holly middle school. My hobbies include singing, playing volleyball, and baking. I am excited to go to Houston to serve God in as many ways as possible. I am also eager to make lifelong friendships with people who have the same belief. I am currently an active participant in *HCY* and in confirmation and I am excited to see how Houston will help us grow in faith.

BCO April Items of the Month

Jelly Saltines Pasta Noodles





VBS Registration Coming Soon...

Dates of VBS are July 29-August 2

Volunteers needed to teach, set up, cleanup, and collect supplies.
Contact Beka at rforst@holyc.org to volunteer.

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor email: mkearney@holyc.org

Greg Cline, Organist /Choirmaster

Beka Forst, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager