Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, April 5, 2015

The Resurrection of Our Lord



Micah Kearney Pastor Greg Cline Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today R. Hobby

DECLARATION

This year may be the one in which John's resurrection account is likely to be chosen over Mark's, perhaps because Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

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



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

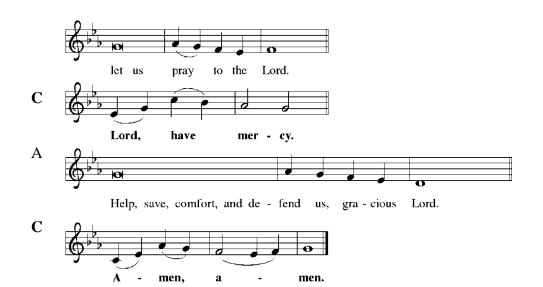
GREETING

- 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.

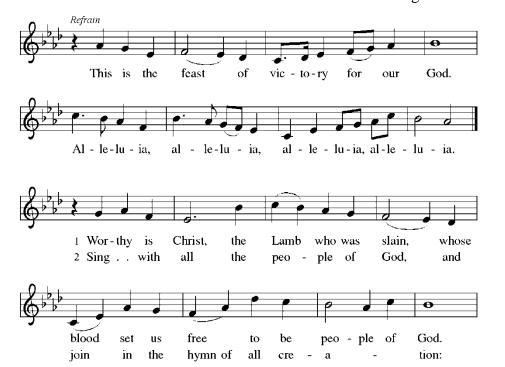
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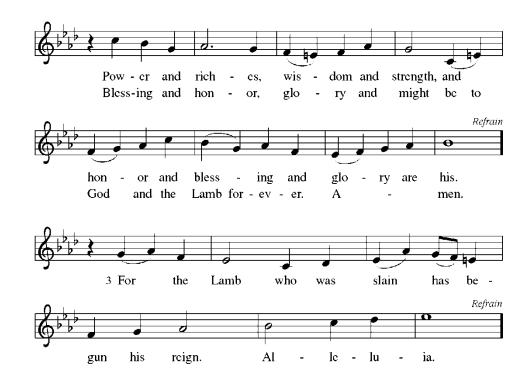


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



HYMN OF PRAISE All Sing Refrain & Verses





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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 the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 nursery.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34–43

A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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.

Now 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

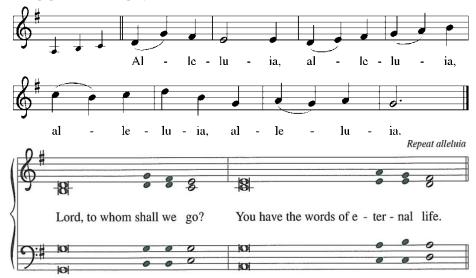
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 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



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.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 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.

The Shorter Ending of Mark

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]]

The Longer Ending of Mark

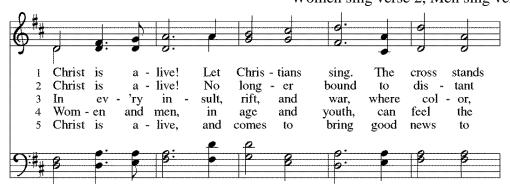
P The gospel of the Lord.

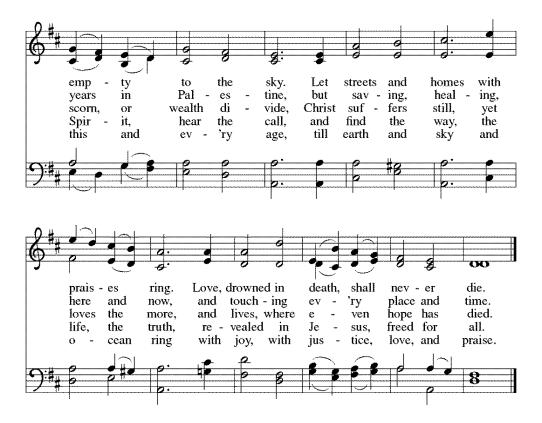
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Micah

[All members of the Children's Ensemble come to the balcony during the singing of the hymn.]

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Alive! All Stand & Sing vs. 1, 4 & 5 Women sing verse 2, Men sing verse 3





Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
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APOSTLES 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, you make yourself known in your creation: in mountains and valleys, in plants and animals, and in those who care for what you have made. Lead us and all your creatures to proclaim that this is the day that the Lord has made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Guide all in authority at the local, state, national, and international levels, that they show no partiality in their care and concern. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Console those who are afraid, protect those who are persecuted, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, you choose us to be witnesses to your love. Bless visitors among us today, those celebrating Easter with family and friends, and those who travel during this holiday time. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

^{*} catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Make us confident that we will feast at your heavenly banquet with those who have died and are now at rest. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM & RESPONSE: Joy to the Heart K. Lee Scott **Congregation Stands and Sings on Verse 4**

Stanza 1 (Choir)

Look there! the Christ, our Brother, comes resplendent from the gallows tree and what he brings in his hurt hands is life on life for you and me.

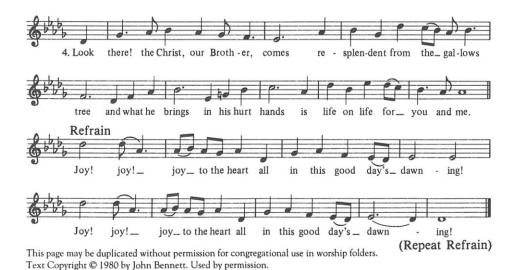
Refrain
Joy! joy! joy to the heart
all in this good day's dawning!

Stanza 2 (Choir)

Good Jesus Christ inside his pain looked down Golgotha's stony slope and let the blood flow from his flesh to fill the springs of living hope. (Refrain)

Stanza 3 (Choir)

Good Jesus Christ, our Brother, died in darkest hurt upon the tree to offer us the worlds of light that live inside the Trinity. (Refrain)



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE

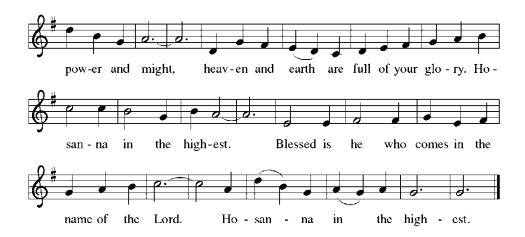
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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

SANCTUS





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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 Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you."

C Thanks be to God.



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 -

COMMUNION

way the sin

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.

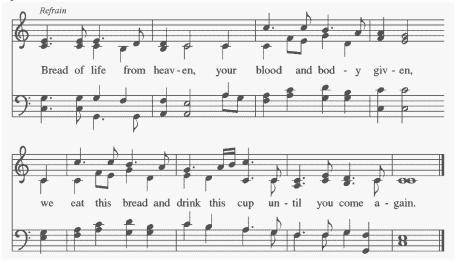
grant us peace,

grant us

peace.

of the world;

Music During Communion:Hymn of VictoryHandbell ChoirIn Christ AloneChamber ChoirBread of Life From HeavenAll Sing





- 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, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

- P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
- C Amen.
- P Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
- C Amen.
- P God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.
- C Amen.



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





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

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Duet......Purcell

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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.

<u>CHILDREN</u> 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. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.

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 list, please fill out a form from the prayer book.

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Myra & Bill Hollar in honor of all the choirs and their beautiful music.

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

Greg Byrum, Worship & Music Committee

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: April 5-11

Today, April 5 Angela Baakko Taylor Buchanan April 8 Shirley Causby Fran Holland April 10 Byran Fleming April 11 Matthew Mitchell



ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr. + Julia Gunter **PERCUSSION:** Elizabeth Bruchon

Diann Halvorson

ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS: Need Volunteers

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3) TELLERS:

Fran Holland, Co-Captain Danny & Rochelle Potter

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Courtney Gatlin Stephanie Hinson USHERS: Need Volunteers

Tracey Nault

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team A) NURSERY: (9:30-11:45 am)

Donna Bean Shelia Kelly Volunteers

Jo Singleton Jack Tench

TRUMPETS: Daniel Farinella
GREETER: Kathy Graves

Brandon McCotter

EUCHARIST PRESENTERS: DECLARATION: Bob Koehler

Carol & Phil Posev

CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE ASSISTANT: Beth Brittain

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

<u>Today, Sunday, April 5</u> <u>Tuesday, April 7</u>

7:30 am **Sunrise** Service 7:00 pm Nar-A-Non

Breakfast after the service

No Children's Sunday School 10:05 am Chamber Choir in Choir Room

10:10 am Church Choir in Choir Room10:30 am The Service w/Holy Communion & Flowering of the Cross

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

The Lillian E. Lineberger Scholarship application forms are due April 24th. Forms are available via email. Just email holycomforter@gmail.com and request an application form. You may fill in the form on-line, but must print it out so it can be signed by both student and parent/guardian.

Only those applications including the required transcript and essay received by the April 24th deadline will be considered.



$oldsymbol{arphi}$ PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Brenda Dabrowski
Daniel Dowd
Ferrie Hedrick
Dot Holland
Zac Hullander

Bill & Pauline Joye Chase Lineberger Rianna & Thomas Nance Holly Peche Carol Posey Beverly Reynolds George Roberson Marguerite Shive Dennis Tucker

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Mark Reese

Pam Anderson
Harriett Ange
Paige Beaver
Jenny Beer
Father Frank Cancro
Tina Capwell
Clell Davis
J. Don Devine
Jamey Gardner
Poss Garrett
Ronnie Garrison
Lewis Gilbert Family
Brian Hedrick

Eric Herdan
Stacy Hunsucker
Dennis Jordan
Steven Keating
Marshall Kinley
Lance Kirkland
Terry Mahaffey
Al McCoy
Dawn Mitchell
Mark Outlaw
Alicia Overton
Jean Peters
Beverly Howe Poag

Jim Poag
Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty
Julio Quiros
Anna Rudder
Megan Sigler
E. Taylor & Family
Gloria Ward
Pastor Gary Weant
Olivia Wilcox
Jeff Wiles
Alex Yount

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer Alex Norris Jeremy Shaver

OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst (Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.

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

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



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

Amy Alvarez in memory of Robert Williams
Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Libby) Byrum
Tommy Causby in honor of Shirley Causby
Tommy & Shirley Causby in honor of Greg Cline and in memory of Amy Peters
Tommy & Shirley Causby and Greg Cline in honor of Margaret Sparks

Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum Greg Cline in honor of Tom & Shirley Causby Greg Cline in honor of Fave & Warren Heller

Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. William Kannapel Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega Carmen, Arden & Merritt De Nicholas in honor of Grandma Dianne Lail Jody Flowers in memory of Patricia Holliday and Jennifer H. Flowers

Jody Flowers in memory of Hubert Flowers Kathy Graves in memory of Bill Graves

Richard & Kay Holden in honor of Marsha Kinley

Ian & Arianna Ince in memory of Theron Elise Nance

Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of their precious children

Marsha Kinley to the Glory of God

Dianne Lail in memory of father, Odie Lail Lynn Martin in honor of Jack & Sylvia Miller

Lynn Martin in memory of Adam Kyewski

Charles & Bev Mauney in honor of our children & grandchildren Charles & Bev Mauney in memory of Heather M. Yount, Mary McCoy and Ray & Betsy Mauney

Paul & Tracey Nault in honor of Caroline, Aaron & Ashton (2 lilies)
Paul Outlaw in honor of Rebecca & Mark Yount and Luke & Alec Via
Paul Outlaw in honor of Ned & Becke Featherstone

Paul Outlaw in honor of Ann Featherstone

Gary & Karen Rogers in memory of Harry & Helen Laver Harold & Jo Singleton in loving memory of their parents

Lynne Sudarich in memory of parents Len & Marie Sudarich

Bob & Denise Wiegand in honor of our Family; to the Glory of God for our Church Family

Deb Williams in honor of her Family

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

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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

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Kristen Williams, HCY Advisor
Dianne Lail, Communications/Office Manager