

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

• 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 •

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

1. THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Blessing of New Fire
Proclamation
Prayer

Hymn: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!* All Stand & Sing



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

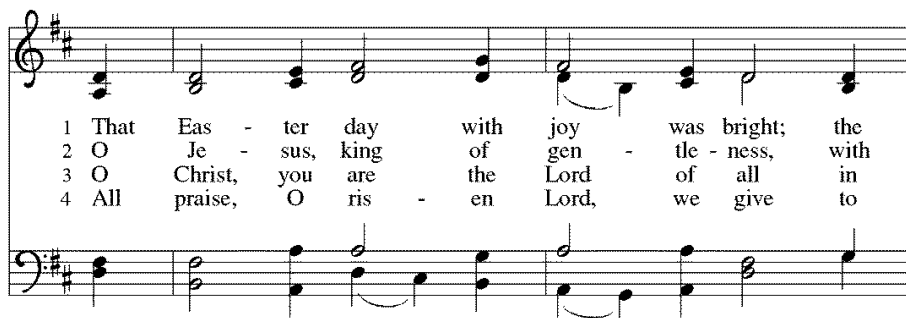
Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 15-24

- P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: ***His steadfast love endures forever!***
P: Let Israel say,
C: ***His steadfast loves endures forever.***
P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
C: ***The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;***
P: The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
C: ***the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.***
P: I shall not die, but I shall live,
C: ***and recount the deeds of the Lord.***
P: The Lord has punished me severely,
C: ***but he did not give me over to death***
P: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
C: ***that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.***
P: This is the gate of the Lord;
C: ***the righteous shall enter through it.***
P: I thank you that you have answered me
C: ***and have become my salvation.***
P: The stone that the builders rejected
C: ***has become the chief cornerstone.***
P: This is the Lord's doing;
C: ***it is marvelous in our eyes.***
P: This is the day that the Lord has made;
C: ***let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

2. READINGS

The Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

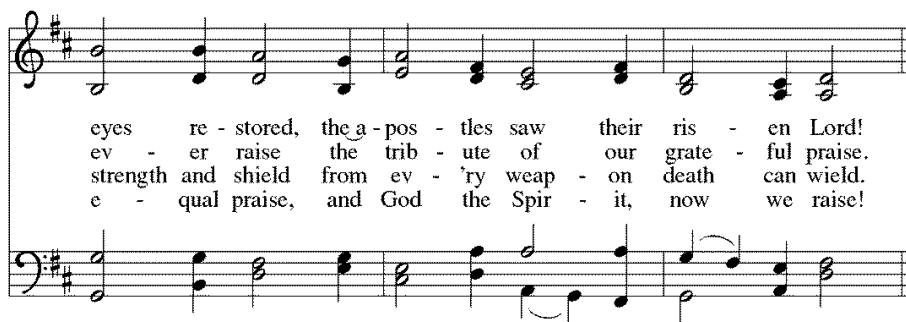
Hymn: *That Easter Day* All Stand & Sing



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

The Holy Gospel: **John 20:1-18**

Response: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to You, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Sunrise Sermon: Pastor Micah

3. OUR EASTER RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

The Offering

The Offertory Anthem & Response: *This Joyful Eastertide* Church Choir

(The assembly stands as the offering and communion elements are brought forward.)

Easter Prayer

Pastor: On this glorious Holy morning, let us praise and thank God for his goodness and peace.

People: Glory be to you, O Lord God Almighty for you have overcome death, that the way to eternal life might be opened to all who will trust and believe in you.

Pastor: Let us be joyful in the new hope which Jesus' resurrection gives to all believers!

People: We rejoice that as Christ lives; so too, we may live!

Pastor: O God, help us to put aside our sinful living. This Easter Day calls and challenges us to put aside our grudges, our jealousies, our hatreds... for they lead us to unhappiness, and loneliness, and strife.

People: Forgive and cleanse us, O Lord!

Pastor: Guide and strengthen us Father God, to put into our Easter lives the qualities of trust, faithfulness, love and mercy . . . for they can enrich our lives, and make us blessings to all we meet.

People: Let us take the joy of the Resurrection into all we do.

Pastor: Send us forth to live and proclaim your victory, O God!

People: Praise be to Christ who is risen!

Pastor: Yes, He is Risen!

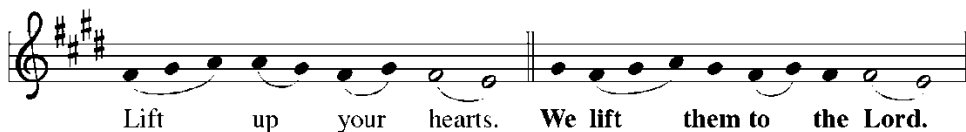
ALL: AMEN!

Holy Communion

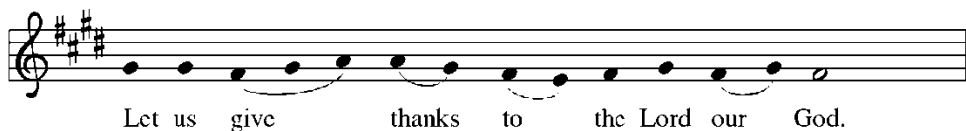
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Pastor

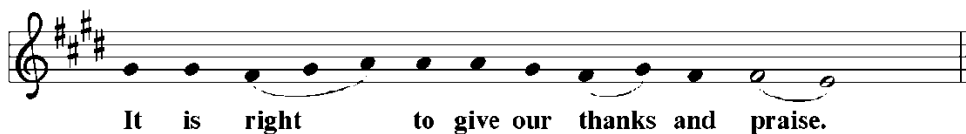
Congregation



Pastor



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PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion:

P Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Hymn During Communion: *I Am the Bread of Life* All Sing

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and
I am the life. If you be -
you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to . . . the world.

Refrain
All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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The Benediction

Hymn: *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* All Stand & Sing

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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P Go in Peace, proclaim the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Thanks to all of our church musicians who are assisting with the service this morning.

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES' schedule:

Handbell Choir Practice After the Sunrise Service

Breakfast after the service - Everyone Invited!

No Children's Sunday School

Flowering of the Cross

Musical Rehearsal Schedule for This Morning:

10:05 am Chamber Choir in choir room

10:10 am Church Choir in choir room



**10:30 am The Service of Resurrection
With Holy Communion**



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

Barbara Beale in memory of husband Carrol Beale

Deb & Steve Bingham in honor of Barbara Bingham

Deb & Steve Bingham in memory of Bob & John Bingham and Herman & Thelma Kivett

Donna Bean and Horace Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean

Andrew, Veronica, Jack & Beckham Bryant in memory of Theron Nance

The Buells to the Glory of God

Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Libby) Byrum

Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum

Eric Carpenter in memory of Frank Carpenter and John Herbst

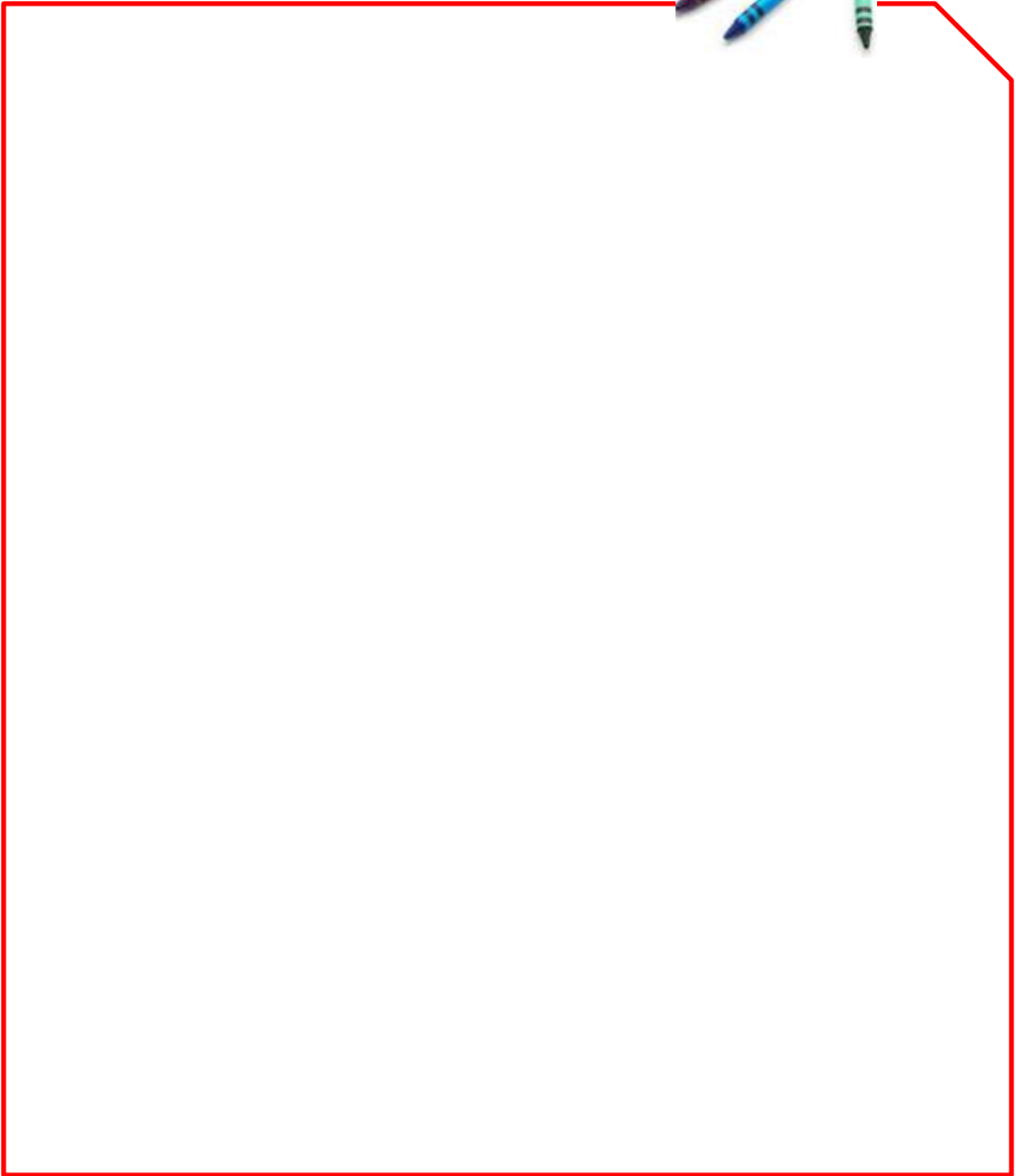
Jill Cassel in memory of Dick Michael

Jill Cassel in memory of Grandpa Robinson

Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby
 Greg Cline in memory of Tommy Causby
 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
 Pastor Micah & Jenn Kearney to the Glory of God (2 lilies)
 Dianne Lail in honor of children and grandchildren
 Dianne Lail in memory of father, Odie Lail
 Anne & Arch Lineberger in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James A Johnson, Jr.
 Anne & Arch Lineberger in memory of Mrs. Lillian Lineberger
 Charles & Bev Mauney in honor of Ginger, Chuck & Jake MacDonald; Al McCoy; Jimmy,
 Katie, Henry & Anna Spikes; and Laurel
 Charles & Bev Mauney in memory of Heather Mauney Yount, Ray & Betsy Mauney,
 and Mary McCoy
 Paul & Tracey Nault in memory of Judy H. Summey
 Paul & Tracey Nault in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Nault
 Paul & Tracey Nault in memory of Mr. Bill Larsen
 Nancy Powell in honor of sister, Janice Barker
 Nancy Powell in memory of parents, James & Margaret Sipe
 Rob Ratchford in memory of Mabel & Don Ratchford
 Gary & Karen Rogers in memory of Harry & Helen Laver
 Kurt & Cynthia Scholler to the Glory of God (2 lilies)
 Lynne Sudarich in memory of parents Leonard & Marie Sudarich
 Sarah Tench; Joey, Wyatt & Noah Helms in honor of Jack & Laura Tench
 Sarah Tench; Joey, Wyatt & Noah Helms in honor Khloe June and Elizabeth Tench
 Deb Williams in honor of grandsons, Brody & Braden Alvarez
 Reesa Wilson in memory of Lillian Lewis, Horsley & Mary Alice and Alex Stowe
 Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in honor of Fran Holland
 Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount

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

Holy Doodles





NOTE: Easter Sunday is the deadline for submitting balance payments for the *Isle of Palms* Retreat. See your April newsletter for details.



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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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