

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

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

Easter Sunday April 1, 2018

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Pastor

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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

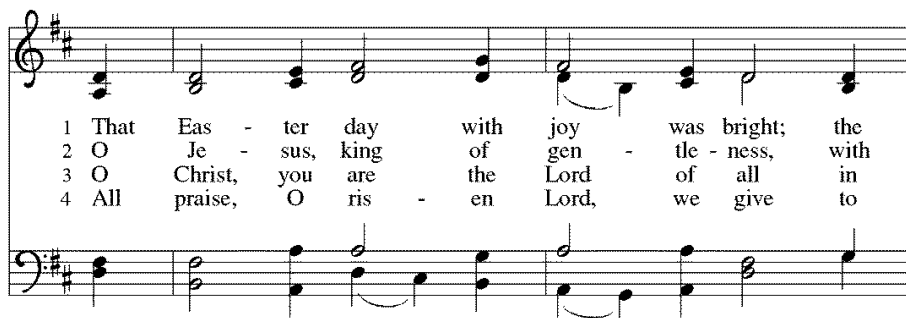
- P: O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
C: ***His steadfast love endures forever!***  
P: Let Israel say,  
C: ***His steadfast loves endures forever.***  
P: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:  
C: ***The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;***  
P: The right 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.***

Lesson Anthem: *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* . . . . . Chamber Choir

## 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: *Antiphonal Alleluia!* ..... Church Choir

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

Offertory Response: *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* ..... All Sing

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ry one!

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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Music © 2006 Thomas Pavlechko, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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 Holy Father, 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!



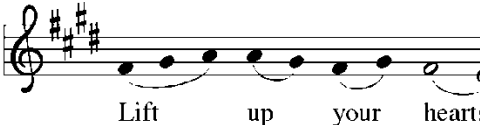


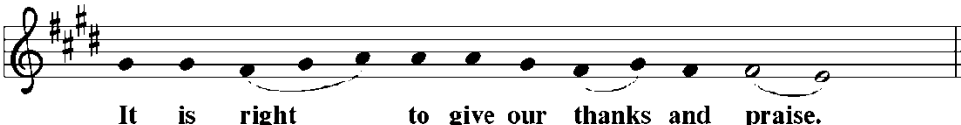
**People: Praise be to Christ who is risen!**

Pastor: Yes, He is Risen!

**ALL: AMEN!**

## Holy Communion

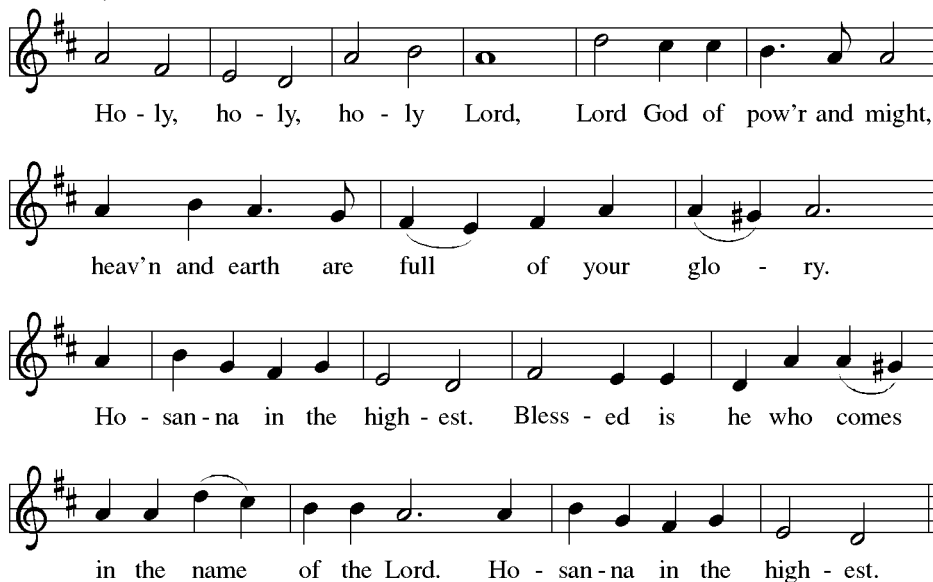
### DIALOGUE

	<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
		
		
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<i>Cong.</i>		

### PREFACE

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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

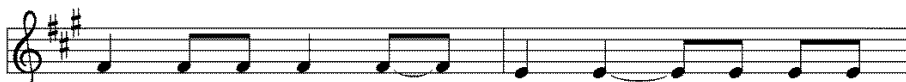
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Anthem: *I Will Call Upon the Lord* . . . . . Handbell Ensemble

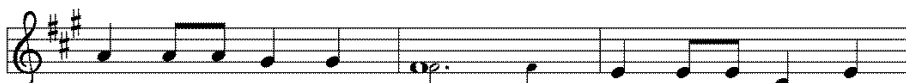
Hymn During Communion: *I Am the Bread of Life* . . . . . All Sing

 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 . . .'" data-bbox="152 768 835 909"/>

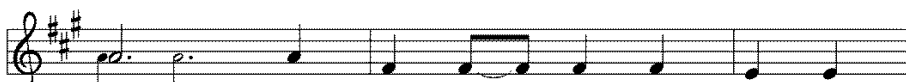
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . I be - lieve that . . .



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."



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

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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

C Amen.

### Post Communion Prayer

P Life-giving God,

C 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.

### The Benediction



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

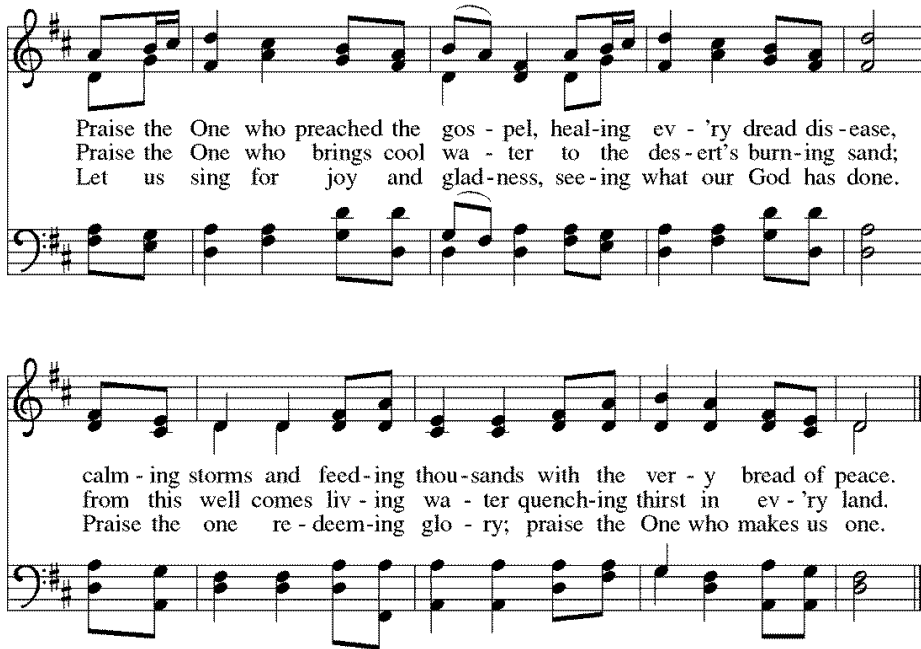
Musical notation for the first system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are:

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;

Musical notation for the second system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are:

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.

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**Thanks to all of our church musicians** who are assisting with the service this morning.  
Lesson Anthem Duet: Leslie Crist and Janet Achor

**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  
10:15 am Children's Ensemble

**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:***

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.

# Holy Doodles





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



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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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