

3rd Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022
Our Savior's Lutheran, ELCA

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

L: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Announcements/Invocation

L: With a daring vision to see God's boundless love, which is so much wider, deeper, stronger, and more powerful than we could possibly imagine, we gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: Even before you were born and baptized, God delighted in you and called you beloved. You were claimed by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ whether you knew it or not, whether you liked it or not. And the Holy Spirit was equipping you with unique gifts and talents to share as a partner in God's creative work in the world.

Lest you grow up thinking that God loves you from an abstract or accidental distance, the baptismal promises were spoken to you, for you, and together with your name. Your family, sponsors, and congregation gathered around you in the midst of worship and community to declare God's love and salvation for you. This happened on a particular day in human history, marked by the calendar and the memories of the people who showed up. Seeds of faith were planted in your story. We give thanks for those who pray for you and nourish your spirit. They are signs of God's promises at work in your life.

Confession of Sinner and Saint

Voice one:

I believe that baptism is a daily reality. I can affirm my faith as belief that his still becoming, with wonder, doubts, and more to learn. Thanks to the layers of promises in baptism, I get to explore who I am and what I believe in community with the body of Christ.

Voice two:

I believe that baptismal promises move and adapt with me throughout my life. Sometimes they are loud and clear. Sometimes they are quiet and patient. There is nothing I can do to break this love, and it doesn't expire.

Voice three:

I believe in the human tendency to earn personal success, to strive for one's own gain, and the temptation to conquer life alone. And so... the promises of baptism are countercultural. I will be fooled by the forces that defy God, but my baptism will continue to tell God's truth about love, power, and value.

Voice four:

I believe the church makes mistakes and is far from perfect. And yet, God does not give up on the church, but continues to shape ordinary people for sacred healing and justice in the world.

All: God is calling us back to who we actually are, and God can do good in the world through our lives.

Song "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

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Greeting

L: 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.**

Prayer of the Day

L: God of boundless promises, you never abandon us. Because your Spirit is always with us, you are hearing our prayers and praying for us constantly. Give us the courage to keep our promises, because we are your children. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Song of Praise-

Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.

First Reading

Ephesians 3: 15-21

Psalm 148

Gospel Reading

John 11: 17-27

Sermon- Bishop Amy Odgren (read by Bob and Carole Rutka)

Song "Baptized and Set Free"

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Affirmation of Baptism

L: Together with our siblings in Christ, we confess our faith in God and reject sin. We make these bold statements not because we are absolutely certain about these things, but because we are always becoming faithful to them and learning to wrestle with these claims about our relationship with God. We join our voices with one another to be reminded that we are all in this together.

L: People of God, do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that pull us away from God?

C: We do.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

L: 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.

L: You have made public profession of your faith. 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?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

L: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

Prayer

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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.

C: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God's Giving Continues...

Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Meal

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Communion Blessing

Communion Prayer

Closing Song "To Be Your Presence"

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Blessing

Sending

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude