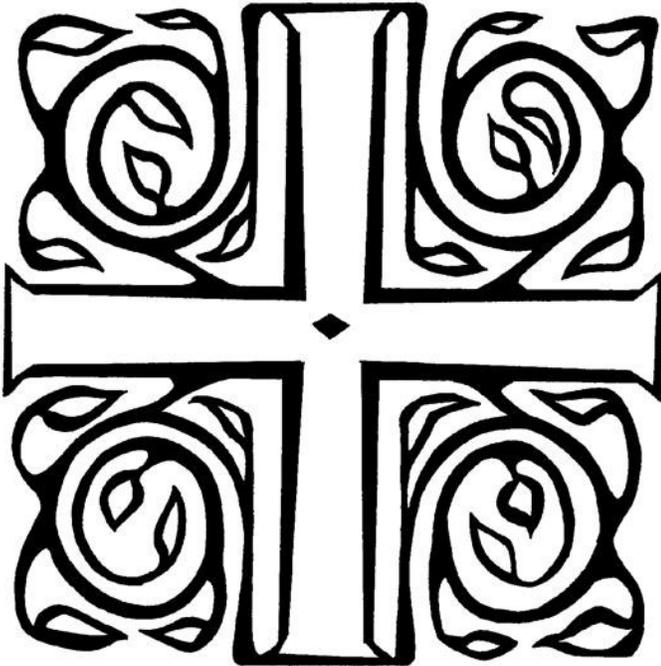


Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018

10:30 am



Ebenezer
LUTHERAN CHURCH

+ GATHERING +
We gather to learn love for one another.

Welcome to Ebenezer!

We hope you are blessed by your time in worship today. Please complete the "Welcome" insert and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Restrooms are located in the Education Building.

Devices for the hearing impaired are located on designated pews. For assistance, please see an usher.

A nursery for children three-years old and younger is available, beginning 9:15 am, for Sunday school and worship. The nursery is located across from the library in the Education Building. Our attendants are trained and willing to help. Parents are welcome to use the nursery for part or all of the worship service.

As you enter the worship space, please be sure to silence your cell phones.

Preservice Music

"Meditation"

Robert J. Powell

We stand as able.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We kneel as able or remain standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful and just God,
we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Let your Holy Spirit work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we many know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent the Son to atone for our sins.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others.

Amen.

All stand and face the processional cross.

Gathering Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Hymn 836

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

"Glory to God"

Hymn 163

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome one another to worship and then we sit.

+ WORD +
God speaks to us in Bible readings.

Children's Message

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12
(Pew Bible page 996)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(Read in unison)

Psalm 23
(Pew Bible page 491)

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24
Pew Bible pages 1113-14)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



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



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Gospel

John 10:11-18
(Pew Bible page 980)

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Sermon

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor Amundson

We stand.

Hymn of the Day “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Hymn 502

Nicene Creed

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*After the assisting minister introduces the prayers, we stand or kneel as able,
for the petitions.*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

All stand.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

We sit.

An offering is collected to support the mission of the church.

+ MEAL +
Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."
Reception of the Offering

Musical Offering "Christ is Our Cornerstone" Philip Stopford
Chancel Choir

We stand.

Offertory Song "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise God, Creator, Son and, Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Offering Prayer

After the gifts have been presented, the prayer is said:
Let us pray...**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day or season;
We respond:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

What is Holy Communion?

Holy Communion is our participation in the meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples on the night before he was crucified. As Jesus' disciples now this meal is a participation in our Lord's life: he feeds us, forgives us, and unites us.

This meal, sometimes called "Eucharist" (meaning "thanksgiving"), connects us to our Lord and to all his people across time and space.

Jesus' Words About Communion

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de -
liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the pow'r and the
glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er.

How we Commune
*Welcome to the table of
the Risen Christ!*

*All baptized worshipers are
invited to partake of the
Eucharist, regardless of
denominational affiliation.
Come down the center aisle
and either kneel or stand at
the rail in front of the altar.
Take the bread and
dip it into
the cup of wine.*

*If you require gluten-free
wafers or grape juice, please
let the ministers know.
Return to your seat
by way of
the side aisles.*

*If you are unable to come
forward please come down
the side aisles on either side
after the "Invitation" and
communion will be brought
to you. If you need to
remain in your seat please
notify an usher.*

*Any who do not wish to
receive communion may
fold their arms across
their chest to receive a
blessing at the altar.*

Invitation to Communion

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

Communion

Distribution Music

"Lamb of 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 - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Distribution Music continues)

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” Hymn 778
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Hymn 484

When all have returned to their places, we stand or kneel.

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...**Amen.**

All stand.

+ SENDING +

We are blessed to go and serve God in the world.

All turn and face the processional cross.

Sending Song “Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”
Hymn 544

Blessing

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Festival Praise”

Robert J. Powell



Serving in Worship Today

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The Rev. Melvin E. Amundson

Judy Woolly

Susan Peeples

Andreas Herzog

Susan Peeples, Colleen Siniard

David E. Turner

Presiding

Preaching

Assisting

Lector

Element Bearer

Communion Assistants

Director of Music and Worship

“Reaching out to draw others to Christ.”

- We place Jesus first in all that we do ·
- We share Christ wherever we are ·
- We welcome a diversity of believers and skeptics to experience Christ with us ·
- We seek to deepen our faith and discipleship ·
- We embrace the gifts of each and all ·

Strategic Directions

- We will offer worship opportunities with Biblically based, doctrinally sound preaching and inspiring music, energizing ourselves to do God’s work.
- We will welcome our neighbors and invite them to participate in all church programs.
- We will respond to the needs of all God’s people, seeking justice and peace, locally and globally.
- We will commit our time and resources to support God’s work through the South Carolina Synod and the ecumenical community.
- We will provide dynamic Christian education, immersing ourselves in God’s word.
- We will foster a sense of congregational community and genuine concern for the well-being of our members.



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