



April 19, 2020

HAVEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

1035 Haven Road Hagerstown, MD 21742

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Second Sunday of Easter
Service of the Word
April 19, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE "Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn" J.S. Bach

GREETING AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Christ is Risen! Alleluia

He is risen, indeed Alleluia!

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.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,

you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,

and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,

for the water in the font,

and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

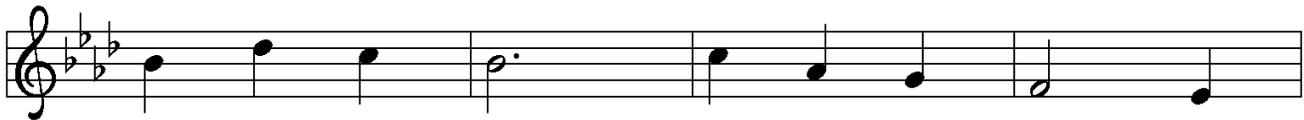
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



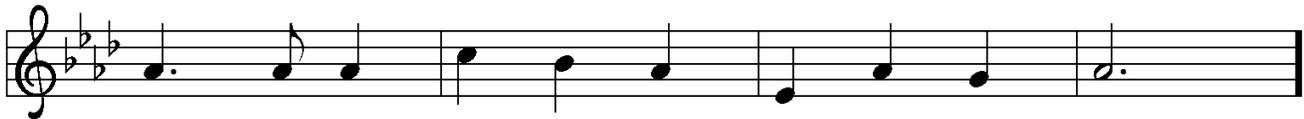
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent!
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING TO GOD'S WORD

A: God's word *is* a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. (*Psalm 119: 105*)

C: **"Speak, Lord, Your servant is listening"** (*1 Samuel 3:9b*)

PSALM 16 (*spoken*)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the Godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

THE GOSPEL John 20:19-31

P: The Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who

have not seen and yet have come to believe.”³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(after the Gospel is read)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Seminarian Katy Moran

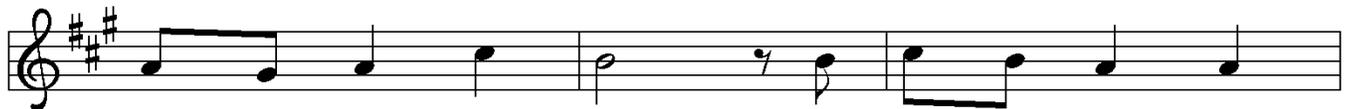
HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Walk By Faith"

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine; be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

***THE PRAYERS**

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.

Open the doors we close, O God, when we fear those who are not like us or who worship you in different ways. Guide us to unity and harmony so that we may come to respect and cherish our commonalities. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the paths we ignore, O God, when we prioritize financial gain and convenience over listening to the groaning of the earth. Inspire all to care for the world you have made so that living things might thrive. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the rooms we lock, O God, to those who live without a homeland or place of safety. We pray that generous nations offer refuge and peace for all. We ask that you help us join together to bring healing and recovery for all people and nations as we face the Covid-19 pandemic and its aftermath. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the hearts we close, O God, to the cries of those in pain. We pray for those isolated physically or emotionally through incarceration, addiction, mental illness, chronic suffering, grief, and all in need, *especially,*

Carol Shull
***Linda** Henry
***Jay** Morgan
***Jack** Latimer
***Raven** Lucas
***Edward** Staley
***Helen**
VanderHamm
Bob Dean
***Nasrin** Sotoudeh
***Karen** Wyrick
***Courtney** Belmont
***Caitlyn** Battoe
***Debora** Daniels
***Diane** Pile
Sharon Hartsock
***Jim** Conrad
***Mike** Barnhart
Danny Kiblinger
***Charity**
Dorothy Zinkand

***Teresa** Hoover
***Lindsey** Hoover
***Dan** Garcia
***Johnny** Wright
***Virginia** White
***Tally** Uchima
***Jayne** Layman
Donna Dickinson
***Abby** Trumpower
***Heidi & Bruce**
Baker
***Carolyn B.**
***Courtney**
Georgetta
Kauffman
***Evvie** Williams
***Hall Family**
Irene Giffin
***Sally** Johnston
***Jenny** McCuster
***Della** Bloomfield

***Kyle** Haupt
***Betty** Wolf
***Doris** Pittenger
***Susan** Timmons
***Myla**
***Cheryl** Nathan
***Megan & Jared**
Primmer
***Maggie** Clopper
Sandy Myers
***Pam & Don** Hardy
***Thacker Family**
***Logan** Haines
***Wilhilde Family**
***Pat** Gebhart
***Fritz** Carbaugh
***Joe** Carolin
***Debbie Jo** Kline
***Cole** Conrad
Cliff Britton
Kathy

And for all who are ill with the coronavirus and the families of those who have died; for those who are anxious and fearful in these uncertain times; for the protection and strengthening of our doctors, nurses, health care and hospital support workers, first responders, care givers and all who have been called to care for us in this coronavirus time as well as those who work so the rest us can have food, medicines, gasoline and other essential services; and for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts at this time. *(Pause to allow time for names to be offered.)* Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the ways of love, O God, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of missionaries, healthcare professionals, activists for women and children, and relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way, as are soldiers sent for the sake of peace, especially **Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Matthew Donald, William Dorsky, Nick Graham, Jacob Kercheval, Michael McKenzie III, Nathan Snell, Hunter Wiles.** Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Open the way to eternal life, O God, as we remember those who have died in faith. Free us from the fear of death, that we embrace the peace you have promised. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

It's Offering Time

Thanks be to God

While we are not able to gather for worship today, our church continues to need your offerings to keep Haven solid and ready to continue doing God's work. Please take the time to mail in your offering. May God bless what we give and use it to bring wholeness, healing and hope to God's world. Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. **Use them to further your redeeming work in our hurting world. Show us how we too may serve in your name even now, in the strength of the risen Christ. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS OF HOLY COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the sacrament of holy communion. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You. Though I cannot at this moment receive You at Your holy table, still come into my heart and my life. Strengthen me with your grace and power so that I may serve You and my neighbors with joy and live in your peace which passes all understanding. I embrace You as if You were here in bread and wine. I am wholly Yours, now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy, teach us to pray.

**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.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead

raise you to new life, fill you with hope,
and turn your mourning into dancing.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Thine is the Glory"

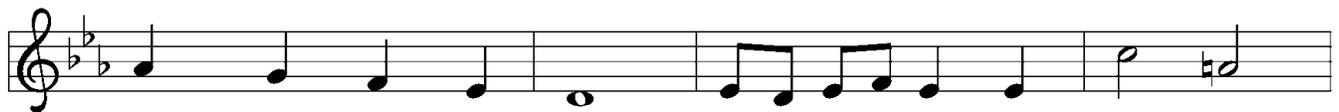
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

We will! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

You can access the worship bulletin and service at <https://demdsynod.org> (click on "Digital Worship" and it will take you to the Second Sunday of Easter materials). You can also watch on the DelawareMaryland Facebook page or Youtube (search under Delaware Maryland Synod)

SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Presiding Minister	Rev. Linda M Alessandri
Assisting Minister & Preacher	Seminarian Katy Moran
Organist & Video Tech	Stephen Pastena
Music Leader	Grant Wills

(We practiced proper social distancing throughout this recording. We pray you are blessed by this effort to provide worship on-line.)

We also Remember in Prayer:

Our homebound members: Francis Gift, Sari Kilheffer, Phyllis Meyers, Ken & Sandy Myers, Barbara Tyler, Inez Winebrenner, and Dorothy Zinkand.

Military personnel serving in harm's way: Gavin Anderson, Ben Asbury, Richard Collins, Cole Conrad, Matthew Donald, William Dorsky, Nick Graham, Jacob Kercheval, Michael McKenzie III, Nathan Snell, Hunter Wiles.

Hospital Admissions: *If you or a loved one has a planned or emergency admission to the hospital, please have someone let the church office know so you may be prayed for and visited.*

*The Readings for next week: April 26, 2020 Third Sunday of Easter –
Psalm 116 1-4, 12-19; Luke 24: 13-35*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming up this week: For the most accurate information about church events and worship at Haven, please check the Haven website at www.havenlc.org or the Haven Facebook page for updates.

Lord, Your Servant Is Listening
DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Moving Forward Together in Faith

THE CHURCH BUILDING MAY BE CLOSED BUT CHURCH IS NOT CANCELLED. WE are the church and our mission continues even in these unexpected and limiting circumstances. Wherever we are, we still have a

mission: *To honor God, to reach out with love to our members and the community, and to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.* Be aware of the Spirit's movement within and around you. How might you reach out with love? A phone call or note may just be what someone needs. Listen to someone. Share a "God sighting" or a good bit of news you heard. *"One bread. One Body. One Lord of All."* We are in this together. And the Lord is right here with us!

REMINDER: PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR OFFERINGS so Haven can remain financially healthy and ready to meet the challenges of doing ministry now and when we are no longer confined by Covid-19. Many, many thanks to those who have sent in offerings.

(If you prefer to drop it off, there is a wooden collection box discovered in the church that is on the back porch of the parsonage. It is checked daily and any offering envelopes are taken to the church. If you would like to have your offering automatically withdrawn from a banking account and sent to the church, please contact Mary at havenoffice@havenlc.org)

EASTER FOOD BASKET COLLECTION With the schools closed, we were not able to provide Easter Food Baskets this year. All the food that had been dropped off at the church was taken to the Salvation Army who was still doing daily meals and distributing boxes of food to those in need.

If you have already purchased food, please bring it with you when we can return to worship in our church building. We will make sure it will help the hungry at a local food bank and in our Micah's backpacks. If you haven't picked up food on a slip, please do not buy the items now. Instead, let's wait until we gather again at church and learn of hunger needs we can address. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR HOLLY PLACE When we begin to gather again for worship, we will resume collecting items needed for the ministry of Holly Place. Until that time, you may send monetary donations for Holly Place and we will forward those funds to Holly Place Alternative Living, Inc. so they can buy needed supplies during this time.