



Emmanuel
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

9 AM Contemporary Worship Service, April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

Welcome

*Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church!
You can find bulletins and ways to give online at elcvienna.org. We invite newcomers to our welcome table outside the sanctuary after worship.*

Invocation

Pastor: In this holy season of Easter, we are gathered in the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)

Verse 1

No ocean no valley no mountain too high
No power on earth there's no distance too wide
No height or no depth could keep me from Your love
No failure no weakness no doubt in my mind
No prison around me could keep You outside
No not even death can pull me from Your arms

Chorus 1

Nothing ever could separate us
Nothing ever could separate us
Nothing ever could separate us now (now)

Verse 2

And when I can't see You still I know You're here
And when I can't feel You Your promise is clear
Nothing I face can keep me from Your love
My Savior my healer my life and my hope
My treasure forever with You I belong
And even in death we won't be torn apart

Interlude

Nothing
Nothing

Bridge

You gave it all to have me
You took the cross to save me

Chorus 2
Nothing ever could separate us
Nothing ever could separate us
Nothing ever could separate us
(REPEAT)
Now now now
Oh oh

Ben Calhoun, Jason Ingram, Seth Mosley
CCLI Song #6504502

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Asher Colton Pettit

The Presentation

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Parents, Anne and Thomas, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Asher baptized into Christ? If so, please say, "We do."

Parents: We do.

Our Baptismal Promises

Pastor: Parents, as you bring Asher to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Asher grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, please say "We do."

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Sponsors, Joseph and Kerry, do you promise to nurture Asher in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please say "I do."

Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: People of God gathered here, do you promise to support Asher and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, please say, "We do."

All: We do.

Our Confession of Faith

Pastor: I ask all gathered here to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil, all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw us away from God? If so, answer, "Yes by the help of God."

All: Yes, by the help of God.

Pastor: Let us confess our common faith, the faith in which we are baptized. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Holy Baptism

Pastor: Let us pray...Lord God, we give you thanks that you pour out your Holy Spirit and the power of your living Word, so that all who are washed in the waters of baptism are given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Asher Colton Pettit, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: Asher, God loves you, you are forgiven and you belong to Christ in whom you have been baptized.

Pastor: 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. Sustain Asher with 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.

All: Amen.

The Anointing

Pastor: Asher, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Lighting the Baptismal Candle

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Our Welcome

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized Asher into the holy family of God.

All: Asher, we welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and hearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world. Amen!

Special Music

King Of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation

You did not despise the cross

For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint

By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood
CCLI Song #7127647

GOD'S WORD CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP

Children's Message

Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel following the children's message and will return to the sanctuary after the message.

Gospel Acclamation

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
ELW 367

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Augsburg Fortress SAS000364. Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Luke 24:36b-48

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Response

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
ELW 367

- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Message

"The Hands and Feet of Jesus" based upon Luke 24 by Pastor Lydia Posselt

Song of the Day

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Paul Baloche

CCLI Song #2298355

Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Renewing God, give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: Sustaining God, provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and plentiful rain for the growth of plants and the nourishment of all creation. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: Sheltering God, empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: Encouraging God, send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. We pray for... Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you. Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Leader: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

All: Amen.

Peace

Leader: May the peace of the risen Lord be with you always!

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share God's peace.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at www.elcvienna.org/give or mailed to the church. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters!

Offering Music

By Your Side

Verse 1

Why are you striving these days

Why are you trying to earn grace
Why are you crying
Let Me lift up your face
Just don't turn away

Verse 2

Why are you looking for love
Why are you still searching as if I'm not enough
To where will you go child
Tell Me where will you run
To where will you run

Chorus 1

'Cause I'll be by your side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
And please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
And My hands are holding you

Verse 3

Look at these hands and My side
They swallowed the grave on that night
When I drank the world's sin
So I could carry you in
And give you life I want to give you life

Chorus 2

And I'll be by your side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
And please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
And My hands are holding you
Here at My side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call

And please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
And My hands are holding you

Bridge
'Cause I I love you
I want you to know
That I I love you
I'll never let you go
Lord Lord

Ending
Here at My side
My hands are holding you

Jason Ingram, Mike Donehey, Phillip LaRue
CCLI Song #5381898

THE LORD'S MEAL GIVES US GRACE AND LIFE

Holy Communion

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the children of God—come, all are welcome!

All: Thanks be to God!

Communion Instructions

All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.

Communion Music

The Bread Has Been Broken

Verse 1

Come to the table and worship the Savior
Taste what forgiveness is for
His mercy will lead us the grace of God feed us
Making us hungry for more
His body was given for you and for me
Look on the cross and believe

Chorus

The Bread has been broken
Our eyes have been opened
Oh come Lord restore and renew
The Word has been spoken
So humble and broken
We do all in remembrance of You

Verse 2

The Bread has been broken
And all those who know Him
Believe without touching the scars
His death reconciled us we live sanctified to
Become what we already are
To Him who loves us and freed us to love
Be glory and honor and praise

Joe Beck, Wendy Wills
CCLI Song #4481160

THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US IN MISSION INTO THE WORLD

Invitation to Ministry

As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.

Blessing

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Spirit bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Song

How Great

Verse 1

How great is the love the Father
Has poured out on us
That we should be called the children of God
How great is the love the Father
Has poured out on us
That we should be called the children of God

Chorus

How great how great is God's amazing grace
That we should be called the children of God
How great how great that we believe by faith
And we can be called the children of God

Verse 2

How great is the love of the Father
That He sent His only Son
That we should be called the children of God
We will never perish
If we believe in Him
And we can be called the children of God

Bridge

That is what we are

Sons and daughters of God
Oh by this we know love
That He laid down His life for us
How great is the love the Father
Has poured out on us
That we should be called the children of God

Ending
And we can be called the children of God

Mac Powell, Trevor Morgan
CCLI Song #5484575

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

How Great
Mac Powell, Trevor Morgan
CCLI Song #5484575

Thank you so much for worshipping with us!

Our Mission and Vision

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

Our Welcome Statement

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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