

E-WORSHIP – SERVICE OF THE WORD

Easter Day – April 4, 2021

Pastor: Rev. Carolyn Hayford

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Reader	Marie Prine	Zoom Head Usher	Erica Bjornstad
Children's Message	Tom Trammell	Zoom Co-Usher	Susan Pritchett

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE The Strife is O'er for Handbell Quartet, Arr: Sondra K. Tucker
Carrie Peters, Susan Pritchett, Bob Oster, Bob Peters

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: 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.

C: 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.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this 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.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: 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.**

KYRIE

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music. The first five staves each begin with a measure marked 'L' (Lento) and end with a measure marked 'C' (Crescendo). The lyrics are as follows:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Help, Save, Com-fort, and De-fend us, Gra - cious Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

WORSHIP ASSISTANT



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

HIGH VOICES



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

ALL



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

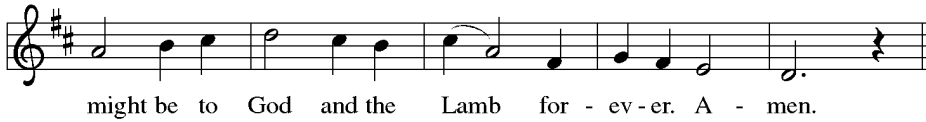
LOW VOICES



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



All



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were

oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Please read responsively Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 printed below.

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the

scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ

THE MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry,
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

THE NICENE CREED *(ELW page 104)*

A: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say the Nicene Creed:

C: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please speak whichever version, in whatever language, you prefer.)

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

C: 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

THE BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen

THE CLOSING HYMN **Christ the Lord is Risen Today!** ELW 373



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

THE DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain, arr: Thomas Keesecker

Next Week's Lessons

THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35
PSALM: Psalm 133
THE SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2
THE GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Intercessory Prayer

We are a praying community; believing in the value of prayer. A prayer insert was sent separately. If you have someone to add to the list, please email the office (office@sothl.org).

Worship Servants for Next Week, April 11, 2021

Note: Our worship services are now recorded. By serving, you are consenting to having yourself recorded and the recording posted on the internet.

Worship Assistant	Kim Boettner	Zoomster	Phil Pomeroy
Reader	Bob Peters	Zoom Head Usher	Peggy Huckabaa
Children's Message	Kim Boettner	Zoom Co-Usher	Susan Pritchett

This Week at SOTH

Sunday	9:30 am	E-Worship	Meeting ID 706 565 767
4/4		10 min. after Service ends	Meeting ID 706 565 767
		Children's Bible Story	
		Adult Forum	
	1:00pm	Spanish Prayer Ministry	Meeting ID: 882 95986 939
Monday	7:00 pm	SOTH Covid Task Force	Meeting ID 706 565 767
Tuesday	7:00pm	Covid-19 Q&A	Meeting ID 997 505 114
Wednesday	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Study	Meeting ID 175 995 438
	6:30pm	Prayer, Meditation and Conversation	Meeting ID 706 565 767
Thursday	7:00pm	T.M 2.0	Meeting ID 982 3058 1708
Friday			
Saturday			

A year ago today – we were asking folks to make face masks. We announced that 67 had been made. In the last year over 800(!) masks were made and distributed. Thank you for being the church and helping our front-line and vulnerable population.

COVID-19 Notifiers: The COVID Task Force has established the following process to ensure we do not need to modify our current procedures and to help identify a potential

cluster early: Anyone who attends a church even (even parking lot ones) or has been in the church building for any reason, and tests positive for COVID within 2 weeks of being here, is asked to contact one of the volunteers on this list below. Your name will be kept completely confidential. Thank you!

Jared Brunswick	205-531-5428 jrdbrunswick@yahoo.com
Erica Bjornstad	443-717-0065 ericaecuador@yahoo.com
Susan Pritchett	205-602-1282 sspritch@bellsouth.net

Information on where you can get information on receiving a COVID vaccine:

- ADPH Hotline: 1-855-566-5333 or <https://www.alcovidvaccine.gov/>, 7 days a week, 8am-5pm
- Statewide mass vaccination sites: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/mass-clinics.html>
- Jefferson County Health Department (any phase can sign up): <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/49bd91e13bdc476fb78ebe1d0d344fe0>
- Shelby County Health Department local numbers: 205-685-4190 or 205-664-2470. <https://www.shelbyal.com/987/COVID-19-Information>
- UAB Patients 65 years and up should have received an invitation, call if you have not. www.uabmedicinevaccine.org
- Veterans (You do not have to be in the VA system): 65 years and up – call 866-487-4243
- Map of locations in Alabama that have the vaccine: COVID19VaccineDistribution: [COVID19VaccineDistribution \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- CDC/Harvard Vaccine Portal Finder: <https://vaccinefinder.org/>



Picking up a Prayer Shawl to give away during a pandemic

1. Enter the building and sign in before entering the fellowship hall. Sign up table is in front of the nursery.
2. Enter the fellowship hall.
3. Shawls in bags are on a table. Please do not open any of the bags.
4. Select a bagged shawl and put inside the grocery bag that is underneath it for transportation and take it with you.
5. Pray for the individual that you will be taking the shawl to.
6. Please practice social distancing, wear a mask when you go to deliver. It would be a great idea to leave it on their doorstep so as not to expose anyone. Thank you for caring for your neighbors.

Christ in Our Home – April, May, June issues are in. You can pick up at Communion or the church office know.

Change in schedule – We will be starting the Children’s Bible Story time and the Adult forum 10 minutes after our worship service ends.



WORSHIP MUSIC - Wondering about the beautiful music you hear in our worship service? It’s Eric Campbell’s and Christine Well’s voice. The piano is played by Ann Jones. appreciate them sharing their gifts to the glory of God.

We are looking for new council members with the gift of leadership. The church is not a business and is not the building. It is the people who make up the body of Christ serving in the world and needs our heads and hearts. We are looking for: People willing to spend the time together to understand our values and beliefs, spend time in prayer and discernment of what God is calling us to do, People willing to bring their minds and hearts and fully engage in the task, People who can dream “God sized” dreams and cast a vision for us as a congregation and as individuals of whom we are to serve, People who can empower and encourage us. Is the Spirit calling you to step up?

The Synod is looking for people to serve on the Synod Council, committees, or as Voting Members of the 2022 Churchwide Assembly. Please take a bit of time and see if you would like to serve as **Synod Council members, committee members or delegates to the Churchwide Assembly on August 8-12, 2022, in exciting Columbus, Ohio.** Applications are due by April 12th. More information can be found here: For Synod Assembly Elections at <https://www.elca-ses.org/newsdetail/synod-assembly-elections-synod-secretary-consultation-discipline-at-large-synod-council-15074561>. For the 2022 Churchwide Assembly at <https://www.elca-ses.org/newsdetail/synod-assembly-elections-2022-churchwide-assembly-15074551>. Other questions may be directed to me, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Ms. Joan Blanton, integralplanning@att.net or our synod staff liaison, Rev. Karen Boda, kboda@elca-ses.org

SUNDAY – E - WORSHIP:

Sundays at 9:30 am. Consider signing on early to catch up with friends and family. The room is open at 9:00 am.

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/706565767>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID 706 565 767

SUNDAY – ADULT FORUM

10 minutes after worship ends

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/706565767>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID: 706 565 767

SUNDAY – CHILDREN / YOUTH BIBLE STORY

10 minutes after worship ends (will use Breakout Room)

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/706565767>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID: 706 565 767

SUNDAY – SPANISH PRAYER MINISTRY:

Led by Pastor Ed Cortes – 1st Sunday in the Month at 1:00pm

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/88295986939>

Or Call this number: 1-646-558-8656

Enter Meeting ID: 882-9598-6939

MONDAY – SOTH COVID TASK FORCE:

Mondays at 7:00PM

Click this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/997505114>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID: 997 505 114

TUESDAY – COVID-19 Q&A:

A question and answer session with Erica Bjornstad, pediatrician epidemiologist, regarding current status of COVID-19 which has morphed into a Friendly support group. If you do have any questions about COVID-19 or just want to check in with some friendly folks. Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Click this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/997505114>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter meeting ID: 997 505 114

WEDNESDAY – BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday at 9:30am

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/175995438>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter Meeting ID: 175 995 438

WEDNESDAY – LYDIA CIRCLE:

All women are welcome to join. First Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am

Click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/524874986>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter meeting ID: 524 874 986

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, MEDITATION & CONVERSATION

Currently we are talking about race and related topics. Join Pastor Carolyn and your church friends to talk openly in a safe space. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 pm

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/706565767>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter meeting ID: 706 565 757

THURSDAY – TM2.0

Every Thursday at 7:00pm

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98230581708>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799

Enter meeting ID: 982 3058 1708

Our Welcoming Statement

As an inclusive congregation, we welcome all into

God's love and grace without regard to:

Ability • Age • Beliefs • Culture • Ethnicity • Gender • Identity • Income • Language
Life Circumstances • Marital Status • Race • Sexual Orientation

As God's grace welcomes all, we are united in Christ.

The mission statement of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is:

***We seek to demonstrate God's grace,
to learn and grow in Christian faith,
and to serve with humility.***