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May 1, 2022 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30 AM - Holy Communion/ ELW Setting 3 also on - <u>www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran</u>

Prelude - "Sing Hallelujah" - Mark Hayes

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for reflection*)

Gracious God,

- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #369 - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (Stand if you are able)

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

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 ELW Page 138

Prayer of the Day

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your SOn, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (Please be Seated)

First Reading- Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20]

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."[The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Lector: The Word of the Lord. PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;

give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? WIII the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Second Reading- Revelation 5: 11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Lector: The Word of the Lord PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 142 The Holy Gospel - John 21: 1-19

P: The holy gospel according to John: C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The gospel of the Lord.C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST. (Be seated after the gospel)

Message/ Sermon - Rev. James Heckman

Hymn of the Day - ELW #385 - "Good Christian Friends" vs. 1 & 3

Nicene Creed

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 and Intercessions:

Pastor: Merciful God, People: **Receive our prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Prayer (said by Pastor)

Offertory - Choir - "Blessing, Honor, Glory"

Offertory Song - ELW 186 - Create in Me a Clean Heart O God

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (sung- page 144)Pastor: The Lord be with you.People: AND ALSO WITH YOU.Pastor: Lift up your hearts.People: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface for Easter (sung by Pastor)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (sung) ELW pg. 144

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God" (sung) ELW pg. 146

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

Hymn during Distribution- ELW #461

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor) Blessing

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: ELW# 384 - "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

Dismissal:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

- P: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude- "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	 Barb Naska and Becky Praster
Lector	- Karen Beerer
Usher	- Joe Hlavaty
Council Counting Team	- Val McGinn and Bea von Watzdorf
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 \bullet TODAY, Sunday, May $1^{st}\,$ - Third Sunday of Easter with Rev. James Heckman

- Next Sunday, May 8th Fourth Sunday of Easter with Rev. James Heckman
- Wednesdays @ 10:30 to 12:15 Pastor's Office Hours

• The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty on Thursdays. Carpooling from the church is available.

• MAY BIRTHDAYS- MAY 1st - Tim Leichliter; MAY 2nd - Frank Erceg; MAY 4th - Sara Aquino; MAY 5TH - Hunter Aquino

• MAY ANNIVERSARIES- MAY 7th- Becky and Tom Praster (44)

• MAY BAPTISMS - MAY 3rd - Kelvin De Walt

• MAY "OUTREACH OFFERINGS" will go to support Blanket Sunday which we traditionally hold on Mother's Day; but we will be collecting all month. The money collected will be given to Church World Service to buy blankets which they give to victims of disasters. We will also be celebrating Father's Day by collecting money for Church World Service to buy tools to help those who are experiencing disasters. If you would like to dedicate your donation in memory or honor of your mother or father, write that information on the outside of you Outreach envelope, and we will put this information in our newsletter.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Joan & Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Steven Streletz; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Debbie Schultz; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.