

# Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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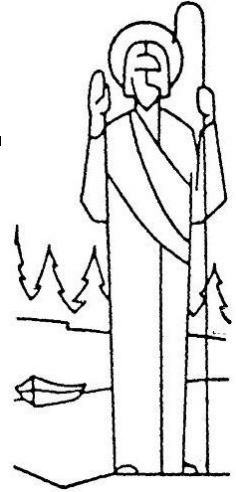
Sayner, Wisconsin

Easter Vigil

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*Like the children of Israel who watched and waited through the night for the Lord of the Exodus, we too come together this evening to watch and wait for the Lord of the Resurrection.*

*First, we break the darkness of the night by lighting vigil candles, taking our light from the new fire, symbolizing the new creation in Christ. We carry our lights into church, where we hear the stories of our faith. After hearing our stories, we renew our baptismal vows. As the water touches us, we hear and we feel that grace which was given to us through our baptism. We prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*



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## Liturgy of Light

*The people gather outside around the new fire.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray; O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Pour out your abundant blessing on this flame, so that all who share this night in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light. Bless those who keep this Easter Vigil so that, burning with desire for life with you, we may be found fit to take part in that festival of light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The Paschal candle is lighted.*

Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; to him, be glory and dominion forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The people light their vigil candles.*

By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

**Amen.**

May the light of Christ who rises this night in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

## **The Procession**

*(Repeat three times while processing into sanctuary.)*

The Light of Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **The Easter Proclamation**

*The Paschal candle is placed at the Baptismal Font.*

Rejoice, now, all heavenly choirs of angels, and celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and, for the victory of so great a King, sound the trumpet of salvation.

Exult, also, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished from all the world.

Be glad also, O mother Church, clothed with the brightness of such a light, and let this house resound with the triumphant voices of the peoples.

**Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**Amen**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart, and mind, and voice praise the invisible God, the Father Almighty, and his only son, our Lord, Jesus Christ;

Who paid for us the debt of Adam to the eternal father, and who by his precious blood redeemed us from the bondage to the ancient sin.

For this indeed is the Pascal Feast in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

This is the night in which, in ancient times, you delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt; and led them, dry shod, through the Red Sea.

This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace and holiness, by the rising brightness.

This is the night in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

O night truly blessed which alone was worthy to know the time and the hour wherein Christ arose again from hell!

O night truly blessed in which heaven and earth are joined - things human and things divine.

We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that he, in whose honor this candle burns, will continue to vanquish the darkness of this night and faithfully shed light on all the human race;

Through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Please extinguish candles and be seated.*

## **Stories Of God's Mighty Acts**

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4A

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Second Lesson: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Third Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Fourth Lesson: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Fifth Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sixth Lesson: Jonah 3:1-10

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Seventh Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Let us pray.... Through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Holy Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Debra Ann Carlberg, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

**I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Debra Ann and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, we give you thanks for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we made disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are baptized, and those to be baptized, may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who have been cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, on this most holy night, the Church keeps vigil, awaiting the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul teaches us that by baptism, we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we should set our feet on the new path of life. Therefore, now that the struggle of Lent is over, I ask you once again to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

*(To All)*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

*During the creed, water from boughs will be sprinkled on the congregation. This act, known as asperges, serves as a sign of God's forgiveness and our reconciliation through Christ, with whom we have been joined in Holy Baptism.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **BAPTISM**

Debra Ann Carlberg, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Prayer

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Debra Ann 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.

**Amen.**

Debra Ann, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

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

Let us welcome our newest sister in Christ.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.....**And also with you.**

*(Please greet your neighbor as you are comfortable, and then be seated)*

**As the Lord's Table is prepared, please join in singing:**

*“Baptized In Water” ELW 456*

# Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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*(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying; Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and 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.**

## **Invitation**

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.



(Please be seated)

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

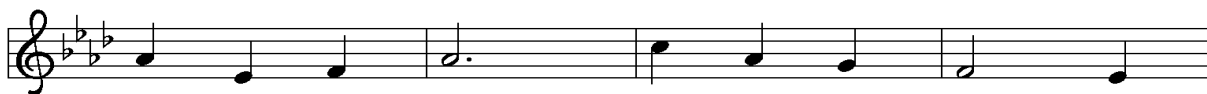
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” ELW 377 vs. 1,4,5.

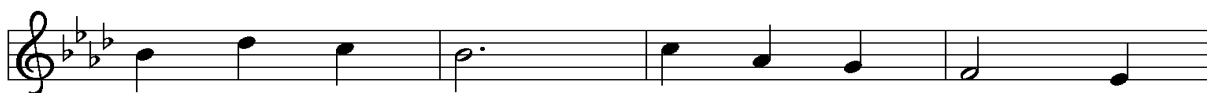
## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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!

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## **Post Communion Blessing**

*(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

O God,

**you made us from the dust of the earth. Now filled and nourished with the body and blood of your Son, raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life.**

**Amen.**

## **Litany of Thanksgiving**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
**For his mercy endures forever.**

O give thanks to the Lord, who has loved us from all eternity;  
**And remembered us when we were in trouble;**

Who by his cross and suffering has redeemed the world;  
**And washed us from our sins in his own blood;**

Who rose from the dead;  
**And has given us the victory;**

For the gift of life and salvation,  
**Blessed be Christ.**

For the hope of glory,  
**Blessed be Christ.**

In joy and in sorrow,  
**Blessed be Christ.**

In life and in death,  
**Blessed be Christ.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

*We return in the morning to complete the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**