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Welcome to worship in this Easter SeasonI All the elements of our worship are projected but they are also printed here in this bulletin (with music) for you. No one is an audience here today; we are all participants in worship where God gives us the blessings of Christ Jesus and we pour out our praise to God. In the entry there are activity bags for young worshippers. We have "Listen" earpieces available for the hearing impaired—simply ask one of the ushers. For those using their iPad or tablet: <u>http://bit.ly/SLCworship.</u>

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness(Please stand as you are able)P: We gather in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources at the expense of our neighbors in need. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. We deny your truth and neglect your word. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord, and raise us up to life in you. Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaking every snare of sin, washing away our wrongs, and bringing us healing and wholeness. In the name of Jesus, the risen + Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. **C: Amen.**



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Greeting

- 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 and Hymn of Praise



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.







Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

O God, you have graced us with love beyond our understanding. Open our hearts to be so thankful to you that we cannot help but share your unconditional love freely with others. Give us strength especially in situations where it is hard to love individuals or groups with whom we differ or have conflict. Give us strength to go and live love through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

THE WORD



First Reading

Acts 10:34~48

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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."

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God



- R: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th Chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 15:9~17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master

is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon Love's What's Got To Do With It! Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

(After a brief period of reflection, please stand for the hymn of the day)



Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Apostles Creed (8am)

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

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 he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.



Introduction

P: 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.

Presentation

Sponsors: We present Phoenix Kai Pollard and Zagreus Isaac Pollard for Holy Baptism.

P: David and Jessa Pollard, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Phoenix and Zagreus to receive the gifts of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they 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 your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do

P: Sponsors, in Christian love you have presented Phoenix and Zagreus for baptism. Do you promise to care for them in every way as God gives you opportunity, that they may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of their baptism and in communion with the church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ?

Sponsors: We do

- P: People of God, do you promise to support Phoenix and Zagreus and pray for them in their new life in Christ?
- C: We do.

Renunciation of Evil

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. 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?

Parents and Sponsors: We renounce them.

Profession of Faith

- P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.



<u>Baptism</u>

P: Phoenix Kai Pollard/Zagreus Isaac Pollard, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the +Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized! Alleluia!

Laying on of Hands

P: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

Signing With the Cross

P: Phoenix/Zagreus, children of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Presentation of a Candle

L: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. *(Matthew 5:16)*

<u>Welcome</u>

- P: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit. Let us welcome Phoenix and Zagreus!
- C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



Prayers of the Church

- P: ...Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

(Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace)

Community Time & The Offering (*Please pass the black friendship pads down the pew – guests we would love to send you a thank you for worshiping with us, please provide your email or address.*)

Offering Music

Offering Response	"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"	ELW 5	31
(Please stand)			

Verse 1

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside. *Chorus*

Chorus

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight. Come and revel in heaven's love and light. Take your place at the table of the King. The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin. Used with permission One License #A724086 **Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray...

C: Living God, we are blessed to be a blessing. Use all that you have entrusted to us to further the Gospel and extend your love to all. Come to us now through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished by your real presence and trust in you alone as our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you
- P: Lift up your hearts
- C: We lift them to the Lord
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C: It is right to give God thanks and praise





Words of Institution

P: In the night ... in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer (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.

(Please be seated)



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be four tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets. Adults who do not receive the Supper or

children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.

Lamb of God





Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt. Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

(Please Stand)

Blessing

P: The grace of the risen Christ and the gifts of his body and blood, give us life and hope eternal.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

- P: Let us pray...We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us now as witnesses to the resurrection, that all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C: Amen.

Benediction

- P: The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and give you peace, now and forevermore.
- C: Amen



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Dismissal

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed, AlleluiaI

L: Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Special Thanks EWB

Altar Flowers: Alex & Kathy Cloninger in honor of Regina Cloninger

This Week's Worship Leaders (May 5th) Preaching Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard May Altar Care: Jill and Scott Slocum, Robideaux family Liturgists: (8:30) Unavailable (11:00) Unavailable Communion Assistants: (8:30 am) Lisa and Jeff Ottenbacher, Rick Cotter (11:00 am) Billie Jean Liedahl, Wade and Patti Randall Readers: (8:30 am) Kerry Messett (11:00 am) Bruce Kramer

> Next Week's Readings: May 12th 1John 5:9~13, Psalm 1, John 17:6~19

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions: Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work? **Prayer and Care:** Nancy Matronic's family mourning her death. Tonia Bannan mourning the death of her sister. Harold Dahl recovering from surgery. Warren Miller anticipating eye surgery.

Recovering from Surgery/Illness: Karen McQuillan, and Jeanne Patterson.

Facing Cancer: Rudy Burress, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Kay Kersten, Ron Maddux, Jim Piatt, Gerry Randall, Randy Randolph, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Dave Ryan, Amelia Seagrave, Lisa Stephens, Melissa Tippets, David Trexler, Jim Weisbrodt and Bill Yocum.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Jared Cain, Timothy Dao, Rebecca Mackey, Andrew Quam, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Joan Bauer, Hilma Bridges, Bob Brien, Don Budden, John Daly, Ace Edwards, Randy Fossum, Gene Gierke, Dawn Hamrick, Merrill Koster, Sharron Lindkvist, Jean Locke, Chuck McClung, Web Rhodes, Matt Ryan, Jean Sherbesman, Clinton Sperr, June Stocks, Tom Taft and JoAnne Wales.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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