



**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Third Sunday of Easter  
April 14, 10:30AM

SIGNS OF

**LIFE**

A Series on the Book of Acts

The central graphic features the word "LIFE" in large, bold, black letters. A green heart is positioned above the letter "E", and a green ECG line is overlaid across the letters "L", "I", and "F". The background is a light gray with a subtle grid pattern.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **MEDITATION**

## **THE RITE OF BAPTISM**

*Pastor:* 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 were 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 in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

### **The Presentation and Promises**

*Parents:* We present Allen H. Deal for baptism.

*Pastor:* (To parents.) Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Parents:* We do.

*Pastor:* As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with him among God's faithful people.  
To bring him to the Word of God and the Holy Supper.  
To teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments.  
To place in his hands the holy scriptures.  
To 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 your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents:* We do.

*Pastor:* (To congregation.) People of God, do you promise to support Allen and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

*People:* **We do.**

### **The Thanksgiving at the Font**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Pastor:* We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be 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.

**Amen.**

### **The Baptism of Allen H. Deal**

*Pastor:* Allen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*People:* **You now belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

*Pastor:* 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 Allen 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.**

### **The Chrismation**

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

### **The Welcome**

*Pastor:* Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome our new brother in Christ!

*People:* **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.**

*Pastor:* I present to you our newest brother in Christ and fellow worker in the Kingdom of God – Allen Deal.

*(The congregation may applaud in celebration.)*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Jesus Loves Me! - ELW #595**

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE PSALM: Psalm 4 (Read responsively by half verse.)**

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
**You gave me room when I was in distress.**  
**Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
**the Lord hears when I call to him.**

When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
**ponder it on your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices,  
**and put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!  
**Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!**'

You have put gladness in my heart  
**more than when their grain and wine abound.**

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
**for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – Blessed Assurance ELW #638 v. 1**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

*Pastor:* The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look 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.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then 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.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise

from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**THE SERMON:** *Signs of Life: A New Walk* – Pastor Frank Waugh

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY – All are Welcome - ELW #641**

### **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH**

*Pastor:* The following people have expressed a desire to join us in our mission of activating the Kingdom of God through the many ministries of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

*(Pastor reads the list of names of people making public affirmation of faith.)*

*Pastor:* Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Pastor:* I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Candidates:* **I renounce them.**

*Pastor:* Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Candidates:* **I renounce them.**

*Pastor:* Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Candidates:* **I renounce them.**

*Pastor:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*People:*

**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.**

*Pastor:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:*

**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.**

*Pastor:* You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

*Candidates:* **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Pastor:* People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Pastor:* Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

*People:* **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*Pastor:* I present to you newly affirmed Kingdom servants of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

*(The congregation may applaud in celebration.)*

## **THE PEACE**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **THE OFFERING RESPONSE – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise – ELW #207**

## **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen Lord, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW P. 152)**

*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.**

## **THE PREFACE**

### **THE SANCTUS – (ELW P. 153)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come eat at God's table.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,  
grant us peace.**

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Holy Spirit of Easter hope (+) bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG – The Church's One Foundation - ELW #654, v. 1-4**

**THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**