



John 20:29

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

APRIL 24, 2022

11:00 AM

Concordia Lutheran Church, Conover, NC

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation with confidence in the Words of our Lord Jesus, who gives not only bread and wine but his true body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1Cor 11:27-29). Reception of Holy Communion here at Concordia is a public confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Those who are not yet baptized, instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” 477

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

We sit.

BAPTISM OF CAMERON LEE HAYMAN

Holy Baptism is God's loving work for us. Through water and His Word, our God, makes an everlasting promise to us. Here He places His name on us. Here He calls Himself, “Father,” because in Baptism He claims us as His children. Here we are connected to Jesus, “the Son” who has rescued us from sin and death. The Bible teaches that in Baptism we are united with Jesus in a most special way. We are joined with Him in His death and raised anew by the power of His resurrection. Thus, God's work in Baptism forgives our sins and gives us the promise of eternal life. In Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit to believe and trust this promise until we reach His welcoming arms in heaven. Thus God's work begun in Baptism is ongoing through the Holy Spirit as He daily forgives our sins, daily gives us renewal and strength to live as holy people and daily He fills us with hope to see by faith our home with God

in everlasting life. Hear now some of these promises of God expressed in His Word:

“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”
Galatians 3: 26-27

“But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”
Titus 3: 4-8

Remembering God’s saving of Noah through water, St. Peter points us to the saving power of Baptism:

“This water (of the flood) symbolizes Baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God.”
1 Peter 3: 21

P These are the promises of the Lord.

C We believe them and are glad to hear them again.

P Who brings this child to be baptized ?

Parent: I do.

P How is this child to be named?

Parent: Cameron Lee Hayman

Cameron, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

In Christian love you have brought Cameron to receive God’s holy gift of Baptism. From this day forth I encourage you to be witnesses to him of the blessings which God has given him today and will continue to do in his life. Remember him in your prayers.

As he grows and matures be mindful of his growth in the wisdom and knowledge of the Lord. Will you therefore promise to be a faithful witness to him, bringing him to the services of God's house, and teaching him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments? Will you help him as he grows to read and study the Holy Scriptures, to provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that believing God's promise to him and living under this promise in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ? If so answer: I will with the help of God.

Parent: I will with the help of God.

God enable you to joyfully do this faithful and loving work and with His grace complete what we are unable to do.

Because Cameron cannot confess the faith for himself we will speak on his behalf as a testimony to the gifts God gives in this sacrament. As we have already heard, God has promised the forgiveness of sins and new life for Cameron in this sacrament. I now ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we Baptize.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cameron Lee Hayman, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit; who has forgiven all your sins; and who has adopted you as His son, strengthen you with His grace until you see His promise complete in life everlasting. God's peace go with you forever. Amen.

(A Candle is presented in remembrance of the light of Christ)

Let us pray. Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon Cameron and upon his family. Remind them always of Your gift to them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of Your loving kindness to Cameron. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that together they may share eternally the salvation You have given them through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Through Baptism God has added Cameron Lee Hayman to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His Kingdom.

HYMN OF BLESSING

“Father Welcomes”

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:12-20

L This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page 1161

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible page 1310

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Pew Bible page 1154

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Sons and Daughters of the King” 470
st. 1-2, 5-8

SERMON “It Makes A Difference” Pastor Michael Geml

We stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt we enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns forever as Lord and God, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with Thomas and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O author of life and salvation, for You have filled our hearts with unending joy in the resurrection of Your Son, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

As we gather to remember His sacrifice and to receive the benefits of His death and resurrection, You fill us with Your peace through the very presence of Christ in our midst.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

We sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” 631

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” 487

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Here, O Lord, in the true body and blood of Your Son, we have seen You face-to-face and touched the same Savior who showed His hands and side to Thomas and the other disciples. Grant that we who have believed in our crucified Savior may confess with great boldness to the power of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”** **469**

POSTLUDE



Sermon Notes

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Grace
to you
AND
Peace
from Him
WHO
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AND
WHO
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TO COME.
Revelation 1:4

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