UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect..."(1 Peter 3:15)

The Case for Easter

March 29, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and March 30, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

SALUTATION & PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common prayers to you. You have promised through your beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Answer, O Lord, our desires and petitions as you determine best for us- granting us, in this world, the knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, everlasting life in you.
C Amen

PSALMODY Psalm 141:1-4a, 8 ESV

P O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me!
C Give ear to my voice when I call to you!

P Let my prayer be counted as incense before you,
C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

P Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;
C keep watch over the door of my lips!

P Do not let my heart incline to any evil,
C to busy myself with wicked deeds

P But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord.
C in you I see refuge; leave me not defenseless!

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

P Let us join together in confessing our faith with the saints who have gone before us, in the words of the Apostles' Creed:
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**Or, He descended to the dead.*
***Or, the holy Christian Church,*

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:55-64

55 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. 56 For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. 57 And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" 59 Yet even about this their testimony did not agree. 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death.

TEACHING MOMENT Evidence of the Resurrection Pastor Heidi Punt

HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

4 Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion, when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for he who dies believing dies safely in thy love.

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:
P Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

P Hear our petitions, O Lord, as we entrust our lives into your care this night.
C We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us. Amen.

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

P May the Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C Amen
P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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