



Easter Sunday

Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, North Carolina

Welcome to St. John's!

*For more information about today's worship, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal.
The congregation's responses are in **bold**.*



Worship Navigation

The Congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.

* = **Please stand as you are able** + = **Face the Cross**

✝ = You are invited to make the sign of the Cross.

Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.

*Lutheran worship follows a four-fold pattern of Gathering, Hearing God's Word,
Sharing in God's Meal, and being Sent to share God's love.
That pattern is reflected in today's worship.*



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

All hymns are found in the red worship book (ELW), unless otherwise indicated.

Prelude

Ode to Joy

Arranged by Jason W. Krug

The Luther Ringers, Directed by Kimberly Lentz and the Easter Brass

Please stand

The Easter Proclamation,* *from the entrance of the church.*

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Easter Proclamation is one of the oldest Christian greetings, with origins in the earliest church. The greeting captures the joy and hope of the Christian faith, rooted in our commonly held belief that "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Hymn 365*

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Apostolic Greeting*

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

Kyrie. *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



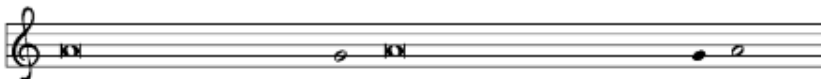
Lord, have mer - cy.



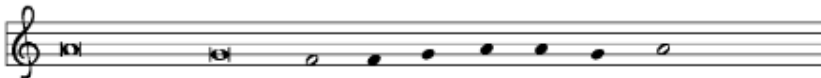
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



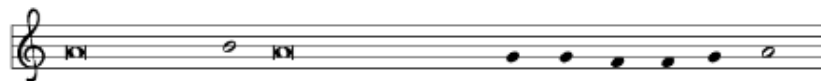
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



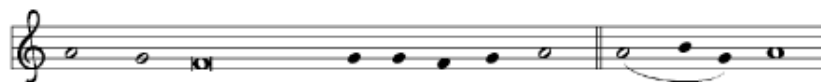
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



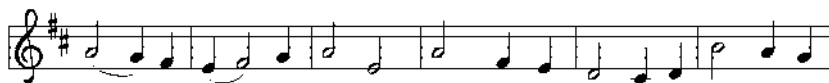
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



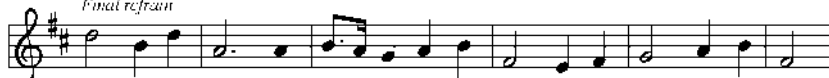
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Welcome



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Processional Hymn* *Please stand and face the Gospel procession as it is brought into the very center of our community. Together we sing, "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" (See Hymn 385 in red books for melody)*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord of life is risen this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;
Let all the earth rejoice and say: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Holy Gospel: John 20:1-18*



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

This morning begins with confusion: the stone has been moved and the tomb is empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When

she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Response Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
The life laid down, the life restored: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

Hymn 367*

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Nicene Creed *

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession. *Each petition ends: "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

Sharing the Peace of Christ: *We make peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ, sharing the words "Peace be with you."*



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings, and Preparation of the Lord's Table.

O sons and daughters of the King whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting, the grave has lost its sting.

*Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high,
Sing forth this holy Easter day: Christ Jesus lives again!
Alleluia, alleluia!*

On that first morning of the week the Mary's went their Lord to seek
Before the day began to break, the day began to break.

*Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high,
Sing forth this holy Easter day: Christ Jesus lives again!
Alleluia, alleluia!*

An angel bade their sorrow flee, for thus he spoke unto the three:

"Your Lord is gone to Galilee; he is gone to Galilee."

*Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed.

The congregation is invited to stand and sing verse 4 as the gifts are brought forward.

**On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts, and voices raise.**

**In laud and jubilee and praise,
In jubilee and praise.**

***Alleluia, alleluia, glory be to God on high.
Sing forth this holy Easter day: Christ Jesus lives again!
Alleluia, alleluia!***

Offertory Prayer *

Risen One,
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.

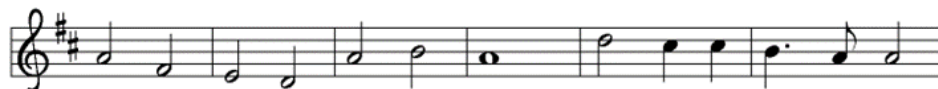
The Great Thanksgiving *

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

Eucharistic Prayer with 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 and eat at God's table.

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion. *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). All stations will be on the nave level. Please follow the directions of the ushers. For those with special needs, please note that grape juice as well as non-gluten wafers are available. Those with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew or by notifying an usher. A pastor will then bring you communion during distribution.*

Communion Hymns: *Lamb of God (p. 154) and communion hymns can be found in the red worship book*

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.

Hymn 379

Now the Green Blade Rises

Piano Meditation

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. by John Helgen

Janie Rollins, Piano

Easter Brass

Pavane and Galliard

Anthony Holborne

Hymn 619

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

(Verses 1-3 and 8)

Post Communion Blessing*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion *

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.**

Choral Response:

Hallelujah Chorus

by G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah!

**The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.**

And He shall reign forever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,

Hallelujah!

The "Hallelujah Chorus" is from G.F. Handel's "Messiah" oratorio, written in 1741. The oratorio, considered the finest ever composed, offers reflection on Jesus as Messiah. Part 2 concentrates on the Passion and death of Jesus, and ends with the dramatic "Hallelujah Chorus." Tradition holds that King George II was moved to stand when he first heard it, which has led audiences ever since to stand.



Sending

God sends us into the world to advance his kingdom.

Benediction *+

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn 376 *

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

Dismissal *

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

Thine Is the Glory

arr. by Charles Evans

The Easter Brass

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Worship Participants

THE EASTER BRASS:

Trumpets: J. Ben Jones and Alex Penazola

Horn: Cole Agostinelli

Trombone: Nicholas Carl

Bass Trombone: Aleksandr Witt

PERCUSSION: Davis Brown

READER: Judy Klusman

PRODUCTION MANAGER: Taylor Hutchins

EASTER GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

CRUCIFER: Millie Wymbs

BANNER BEARER: Drew Bitzer

GOSPEL BEARER: Aiden Moss

TORCH BEARERS: Balian Witt; Ashton Williams

ACOLYTE: Jeffrey Stephenson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ann Brady, Eric Brady, Corinne Mauldin

USHERS: Ernie Kirchin, Ted Goins, Mike Greene, Steve Jarrett, Bobby Rusher, Mark Wineka

Blessings to you this Easter!

Today's floral decorations are given by members to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones. If you purchased a Palm or Easter Lily, you may take it home following this morning's 11 am service. Your last opportunity to pick up your Palms or Lilies will be tomorrow, Monday evening (4/1), between the hours of 5 pm-7 pm only.

Easter Lilies Given in Honor

Mark Bias by Charles Dabbs

Our children and children-in-law Catherine, Anna, Marc, Alex, and Lauren by Jane and Larry Britt

Our grandchildren Jalen, Jordan, Allison, Lizzie, Colton, and Kannon by Jane and Larry Britt
(Grammie and Granddad)

My great-granddaughter Daily Callihan by Barbara U. Wagoner

Pastor Lori Carter by Charles Dabbs

Pastor James for all his hard work and dedication to our youth by Adam and Crystal Ryerson

Rob Durocher by Charles Dabbs

Kimberly and Ricky Howsare sharing their gifts in Salisbury, and a bright future in Pennsylvania by Mark Bias

Kimberly Howsare by Charles Dabbs

Ricky Howsare by Charles Dabbs

Ricky Howsare by Ken Black

Taylor Hutchins by Charles Dabbs

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller by Charles Dabbs

Eliza by Pastors Dan and Kendra Joyner Miller

Jo by Pastors Dan and Kendra Joyner Miller

Karl and Rosemary Kinard by Darrell and Kathy Norris

The Men's Chorus by Charles Dabbs

Lib Page by Tommy and Mary Willis Page

Patsy Parnell by Charles Dabbs

Lily Phipps by Devin and Ashley Graham Phipps

Davey Rhodes by Gary and Scott Rhodes

Jim and Jackie Rice by Patricia and Eddie Graham

My wonderful parents, Jim and Jacque Rice by Donna Parsons

Dennis Rogers by Charles Dabbs

Janie Rollins by Charles Dabbs

Kathryn, Linda, John, Sallie, and Molly by Wade Rouzer

Bob Rusher by Kathryn, Bo, and Lillie

Bill and Linda Safrit by Patricia and Eddie Graham
Susan and Rodney Stalheim by Kathryn, Bo, and Lillie
Bethanie Stauffer by Nana
Laith Kayat by Nana

Easter Lilies Given In Memory

Almeda and Bryce Barger by Jane Jones
Lloyd and Hazel Goodman and Andy and Hazel Britt by Jane and Larry Britt
Our Parents, the Carltons by Mimi and Tommy Carlton
Renard and Mary Cassar by Rebecca and Glenn Terry
Howard Everhart by Diane Everhart
Howard Everhart by Kimberly Lentz, Kelly and Kenneth Everhart
Dot and Ken Honeycutt by Jack and Jeanie Moore
Herman and Helen Hood by Perry and Carolyn Hood
Thomas Hurlocker by Connie Hurlocker
Reba and Marvin Jones by Tommy and Mary Willis Page
Our Parents, the Kriders by Mimi and Tommy Carlton
Fran Lawson by Jerry Lawson
Eric Lentz by Diane Everhart
Eric Lentz by Kimberly Lentz
Elma Linker by Charles Dabbs
Bill Marcum by Betty Pinkston
To the Glory of God and in memory of Yvonne McGaha by Susan Miller
To the Glory of God and in memory of The Rev. Dr. Hollis Miller by Susan Miller
Gary Miller by Florence Rabe
B. P. and Treva Moore by Jack and Jeanie Moore
Dick Nelson by Pat Nelson
Bill Page by Tommy and Mary Willis Page
Chris Pinkston by Betty Pinkston
Gary Pinkston by Betty Pinkston
Dorothy Winecoff Rebhan by Darrell and Kathy Norris
Our Parents by Mr. and Mrs. James Rice
Shirley and Raymond Ritchie by Mark and Jane Ritchie
To the Glory of God and in memory of Peggy Rouzer by Susan Miller
Peggy Rouzer by Mark and Jane Ritchie
Peggy Rouzer by Wade Rouzer
Joan Trexler Rusher by Kathryn, Bo, and Lillie
Becky Russell by the Children and Grandchildren
Cathy Ryerson by Adam, Crystal, Emma, and Landon Ryerson

To the Glory of God and in memory of Eleanor Sifford by Susan Miller
Joe and Barbara Sims by the Children and Grandchildren
Roy and Sarah Snider by Diane Everhart
W. L. Stirewalt by Emily Stirewalt
Rev. Dr. R. Harold and Kathryn Terry by Glenn and Rebecca Terry
Barbara Terry by Glenn and Rebecca Terry
Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Thompson, Jr. by Judy Thompson Moore
My mother Ruth K. Uzzell by Barbara U. Wagoner
My husband Norman Wagoner by Barbara U. Wagoner
Mildred Warlick by Charles Dabbs
Floyd and Juanita Williams by Perry and Carolyn Hood

Palms Given in Honor

Our parents, Jim and Elizabeth Brady by Eric and Ann Brady
Jim and Elizabeth Brady by Patricia and Eddie Graham
Ryker Day, love Mommy and Daddy by Heather Day
Waylen and Wyatt Jarrett by Sandra Jarrett
Ren, Lena, and Evan McNeely by Chris and Carol McNeely
Tom and Mary Lib Rufty by Jon Rufty

Palms Given in Memory

J. W. Brown by Bobbie Ann Brown
Paul, Lois and Kristen Carter by Chris and Carol McNeely
My parents J.C. and Sherry Eagle by Ann Brady
Dr. Jim Emerson by Bonnie and Ike
Connie and Corinna Gardner by Sandra, Rob, Robert, and Katherine Sullivan
Rowe and Frances McNeely and Jane Harding by Chris and Carol McNeely
Dot and John Miller by Jane and Larry Britt
Harold Mowery by the Mowery Family
Betty Munday and Doug Cesario by Brenda and Charles Munday
Nancy Penley by Jane Britt
Harold and Barbara Rufty by Bonnie and family
Tom Rufty by Jon Rufty
Mary Lib Rufty by Jon Rufty
Steve Shirley by Nancy Shirley
Joe L. Sims and Hester Sims and Rev. Dr. Robert Sims by Eleanor Andrews
Joe Ivan Sims and Barbara Sims by Eleanor Andrews

Flowers given in Honor for the Easter Cross

Mike Agee by Emily Stirewalt

Angela and Gary Graham by The Hensons and The Graham/Phipps

Nora and Rose Henson by Brett and Lauren Henson

Brett, Lauren, Nora and Rose Henson by Gary and Angela Graham

Our children and grandchildren by Chuck and Judy Moll

Our children Anna, Steven, and Julie Page by Tommy and Mary Willis Page

Grandchildren: Andrew Peeler, Graham Peeler, and Sophie Peeler by Gerald and Pansy Peeler

Devin, Ashley and Lily Phipps by Gary and Angela Graham

St. John's dedicated Decorations Team by Ann and Parker Hatchett

Pastor Dan, Pastor James, and Pastor Lori for their service to St. John's by Tommy and Mary Willis Page

The children of St. John's by Anita Yost

Flowers given in Memory for the Easter Cross

Rufus and Elizabeth Coltrain by Raymond and Kay Coltrain

Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Hord by Bonnie and David Hord

Fran Lawson by Jerry Lawson

Anne Loeblein by Bob Loeblein

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wayne Patterson by Bonnie and David Hord

Raymond and Shirley Ritchie by Amy and Cliff Ritchie

Peggy Rouzer by Jill and Wayne Nelson

Dean Safrit by Tammy Safrit

Ed and Cora Shinn by Susan and Jim Turner and Andrew Poe

Charles and Sug Wallace by Raymond and Kay Coltrain

Special thanks to Jane Britt for constructing the tomb located in the baptismal area.

It serves as a symbol of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Assistant Parish Musician.....Janie Rollins
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins.....ext. 2190
Director of Music *emeritus*.....Karl Kinard Jr., deacon

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*