

Liturgy of Hope

in celebration of the life of

Mark Steven Neuhaus

Born: December 26, 1951
Baptized: February 3, 1952
Died: November 25, 2003

Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church
Santee, California
December 7, 2003
3:00 pm

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Instrumental Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

1. Awake! awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us for ever.
2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes asinging,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of loving kindness,
the thunder of his anthems role
to shatter all hatred and blindness.
3. In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.
4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story,
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

Welcome

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus the Savior, who died and was raised to new life by the grace of God. We are gathered here to worship, to remember before God our brother Mark, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

The blessed and holy Trinity, one God, who gives life, salvation, and resurrection, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Remembrance of Baptism

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Prayer of the Day

Hymn: *We Know that Christ is Raised*

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

2. We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
As living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!

3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

4. A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-9 *(This was the Old Testament text at Mark's ordination.)*

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39

Solo- *You are Mine (Based on Isaiah 43: 1-3a)*

David Haas

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.
refrain I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will run free, and all will know my name. *refrain* I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! *refrain*

Refrain: Do not be afraid I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me,
I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

Gospel: John 21: 15-17 *(This was the Gospel text at Mark's ordination.)*

Sermon

Bishop Murray D. Finck

Hymn of the Day: *Who is this Host Arrayed in White*

1. Who is this host arrayed in white Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms Before the throne of light? These are the saints who kept God's Word; they are the honored of the Lord. He is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, restored. They now serve God both day and night; they sing their songs in endless light. Their anthems ring when they all sing With angels shining bright.

2. On earth their work was not thought wise, But see them now in heaven's eyes; Before God's throne of precious stone They shout their vict'ry cries. On earth they wept through bitter years; now God has wiped away their tears, Transformed their strife to heav'nly life, And freed them from their fears. For now they have the best at last; They keep their sweet eternal feast. At God's right hand our Lord commands; He is both host and guest.

3. Oh blessed saints, now take your rest; A thousand times shall you be blest For keeping faith firm unto death And scorning worldly trust. For now you live at home with God And harvest seeds once cast abroad In tears and sighs. See with new eyes The pattern in the seed. The myriad angels raise their song. Oh saints, sing with that happy throng; Lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice In our Redeemers song!

The Apostles' Creed

P: God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 is 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**

Prayers

- P: Let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw near to us, who mourn for Mark, and dry the tears of those who weep.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: You raised the dead to life; we thank you for giving our brother Mark eternal life.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: You promise life to those who believe; we thank you for bringing our brother Mark to the joys of heaven.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: Our brother Mark was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; we thank you for giving him eternal fellowship with all your saints.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: He was nourished with you body and blood; we thank you for granting him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother Mark. Let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.
- C: Hear us, Lord.**
- P: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen**

Hymn and Presentation of the Gifts of Bread and Wine

Stay With Us

Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to You, this day be sung.
Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.
Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry,
Feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.
Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our weeping, wailing end.
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.
Talk with us, till we behold a joyful life you will unfold:
Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus, take us to the light.
Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun:
Cheer the heart, Your grace impart:
Jesus, bring eternal life.

Prayer

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

**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**

The Communion

At the direction of the usher, please come forward. The bread will be placed in your hands; you may drink from the chalice or by intinction (dip). Wine will be served in the first chalice and grape juice in the second. The full benefit of the sacrament is contained in either element; communicants may receive either the bread or the wine or both. All who wish to receive Christ are welcome to this meal.

This Is My Father's World

D F#m D Em A A7

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears All
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise; The
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh, let me not for - get That,

D F#m Bm A D A7 D

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

A7 D G A7 Bm D G D A E7 A A7

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

D F#m Bm A D A7 D

rocks and trees, of . . skies and seas; His hand the won - ders .wrought.
 rus - tling grass I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 Lord is king, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to -

mor - row, give us peace be - yond our fear, and

[To repeat] || *End*

hope be - yond our sor - row, sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness,
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing,

grace us with your peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all
how your grace is still un - fold - ing, give us all your
ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all
teach us all your way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com -

Refrain

com - fort, fill our hearts.
vi - sion, God of love.
kind - ness, be our guide.
pas - sion, fill each heart.

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Let Us Break Bread Together

E^b *C^m* *B^b7* *E^b* *A^b*

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;

E^b *C^m* *F⁷* *B^b*

Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
E^b *B^bm⁶* *C⁷* *F^m*

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

B^b7 *E^b* *A^b* *B^b* *E^b*

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

B^b7 *E^b* *A^b* *B^b7* *E^b* *A^b*

3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

B^b7 *E^b7* *A^b* *B^b7* *E^b* *B^b7*

Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain
E^b *B^bm⁶* *C⁷* *F^m*

When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing

B^b7 *E^b* *A^b* *B^b* *E^b*

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Post-Communion Prayer

A Life Remembered

Anthem - *O Lord Support Us*

Carl Schalk

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over, and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Commendation

Benediction - As you go on your way may Christ go with you
May he go before you to show you the way;
May he go behind you to encourage you;
Beside you to befriend you;
Above you to watch over you;
Within you to give you peace!

Recessional Hymn - *O Day Full of Grace*

1. O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon

2. O day full of grace, O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.

3. For Christ bore our sins, and not his own,
When he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone,
That we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.

4. God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all his healing.

5. When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.

Postlude

The family wishes to thank all who have shown support to us in so many ways and especially to all who have given great gifts of time and effort to make possible today's service and reception. Following the worship service you are invited to a reception in the Acts Center.

Serving As We Worship

Presiding Minister

Assisting Minister

Lectors

Crucifer

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Organist

Choir Director/Soloist

Choir

Bishop Murray D. Finck

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Marsha Hamilton

Marvin Hamilton

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Mark Steven Neuhaus

December 26, 1951 - November 25, 2003

The Reverend Mark Neuhaus, the long time pastor of Carlton Hills Lutheran Church, died November 25th of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a rare infection of the brain. He would have been 52 on December 26, 2003.

With more than 25 years in the ministry, Pastor Mark was active in a wide variety of programs. He served for many years as the president of the Santee Ministerial Association, he was a leader of the Santee Food Bank, and he was active in ecumenical relations in the region. For more than ten years he shared his church with St. Columba's Episcopal Church. He was active in Lutheran-Episcopal relations. He was a past president of the Santee-Lakeside Rotary Club and he volunteered for many community activities.

Pastor Mark loved a variety of activities and hobbies, and lived his life to the fullest. He was an avid sports fan, following the local pro baseball and football teams. He also followed his children's sports schedules, traveling around the state and country to watch them play. His skill in photography served him well in chronicling his family's activities. He loved traveling, usually by car, to antique stores and malls searching for that rare canning jar or crock. His collection is proof of his success.

Pastor Mark was born on December 26, 1951, in Benson, Minnesota. He came to San Diego in the summer of 1967 and graduated from Mt. Miguel High School. His family attended Lemon Grove Lutheran Church, where he met his wife, Margaret Jan Neuhaus. He attended San Diego State University where he earned a BA and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul. He is survived by his wife and their two children, Andrew and Erin who are graduates of California Lutheran University. He is also survived by his brother, Paul and Jay, his sister Mona Bygd and his parents Glen and Lorna Neuhaus of Lemon Grove.

Church and family were important to Pastor Mark. His deep faith in God was evident in his living and his dying. He often said he was an introvert doing an extrovert's job. His gentle grace, humble intelligence, dry sense of humor and trust in God were as enormous as the creation he loved.