



May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;

However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1 When the mu - sic _____ fades, _____ all is stripped a - way, _____
2 King of end - less _____ worth, _____ no one could ex - press _____



and I sim - ply come; Long - ing just to bring
 how much You de - serve. Though I'm weak and poor,



some - thing that's of worth that will bless Your heart.
 all I have is Yours, ev - 'ry sin - gle breath.



I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in it - self



is not what You have re - quired. You search much deep - er with - in



through the way things ap - pear; You're look - ing in - to my heart.



I'm com - ing back to the heart of wor - ship, and it's



all a - bout You, all a - bout You, Je - sus.



I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's



all a - bout You, all a - bout You, Je - sus.

Call to Worship

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You may be Seated

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

All Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

All You guide us to springs of the water of life.

WA Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

All You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

All You guide us to springs of the water of life.

WA Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

All Amen

Greeting

P The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love and wisdom of God,
and the light and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

P In peace, in peace,

Pastor: *Congregation:*

Let us pray_ to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Pastor and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Let us pray_ to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final long note for "mer - cy."

P For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

P For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Pastor: *Congregation:*

Help, save and de - fend us, _____ O God.
A - - - men.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Pastor and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, _____ O God. A - - - men." The music features a simple melody with a long note for "A - - - men."

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

WA Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

All Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

A Reading from Acts, the 7th chapter

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7:55-60

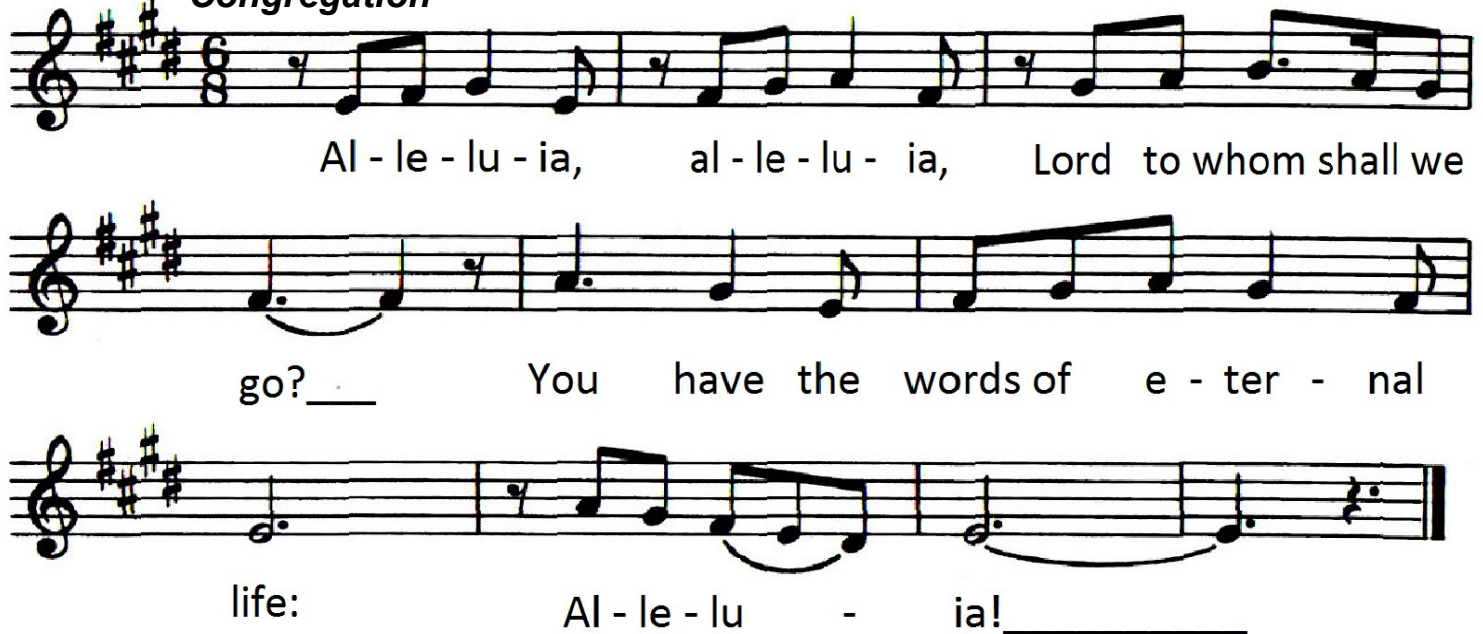
WA Word of God, Word of Life!

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? ___ You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - le - lu - ia! _____

Gospel Reading

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do

not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

John 14:1-14

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Children's Sermon & Noisy Offering

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pocket change and small bills. Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make "hope & love" tangible. The children have chosen Family Promise of Ogden to receive this monetary blessing for this season.*

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Please stand in body or spirit.

Once Again

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1,2. Je - sus Christ, _____ I think up - on Your sac - ri - fice;
3 Now You are _____ ex - alt - ed to the high - est place,



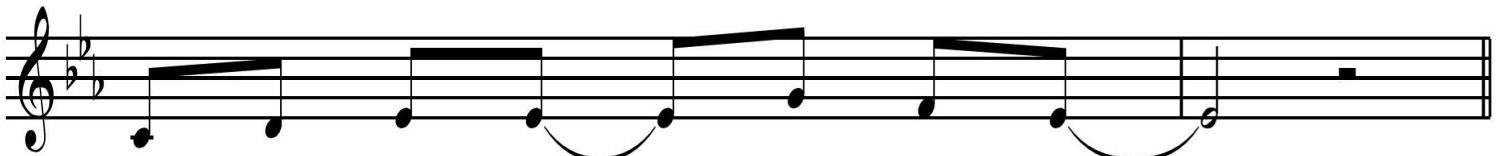
You be - came noth - ing, _____ poured out to death. _____
King of the heav - ens, where one day I'll bow. _____



Man - y times _____ I've won - dered at Your gift of life, and
But, for now, _____ I mar - vel at this sav - ing grace, and



I'm in that place _____ once a - gain. _____
I'm full of praise _____ once a - gain. _____



I'm in that place _____ once a - gain. _____
I'm full of praise _____ once a - gain. _____



Once a - gain I look up - on the cross where You died. _____ I'm

hum - bled by Your mer - cy and I'm bro - ken in - side.____

Once a - gain I thank You, once a - gain I pour out my life.____

Fine

Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.

Thank You for the cross, my Friend. Friend.

D.S. al Fine

Nicene Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the 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 the People

[You may be Seated](#)

WA Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our
 broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

You may be Seated



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P Risen One,
receive the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

All Nourish us to follow you,
using what we have gathered to feed the hungry
and tend the weary, all for your love's sake. Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; — Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

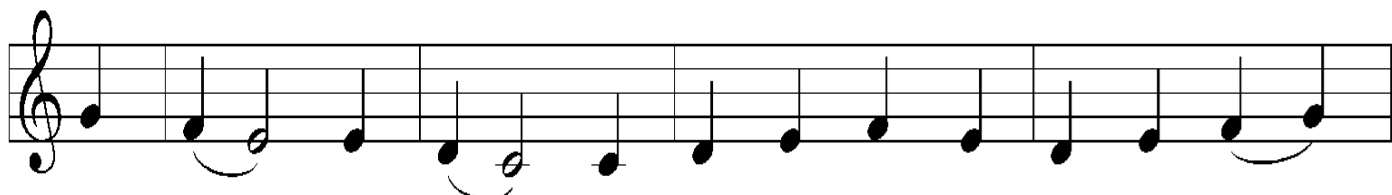
Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

The Lamb

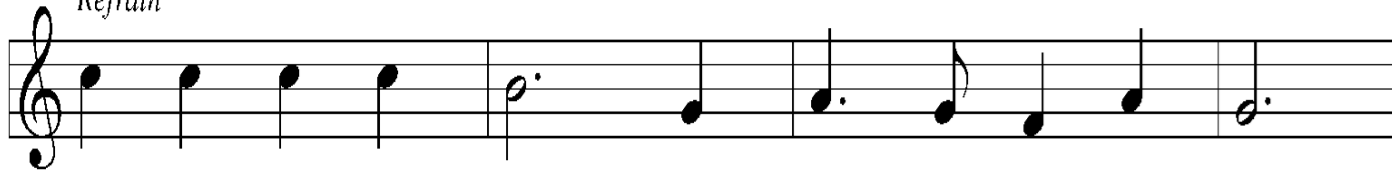


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Words by Louisa M. R. Stead Music by William James Kirkpatrick

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take Him at His Word;
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust His cleans - ing blood;

Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, just to know: "Thus saith the Lord."
Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

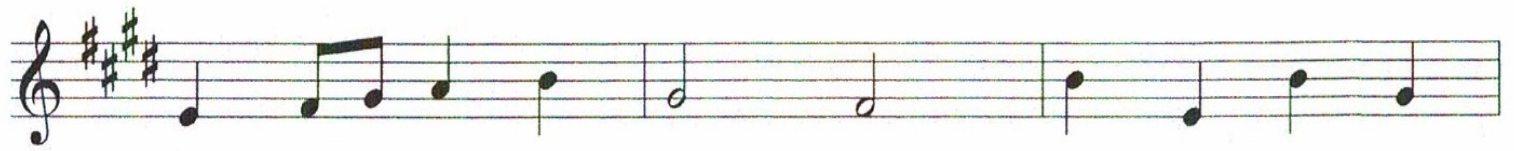
Please stand in body or spirit.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



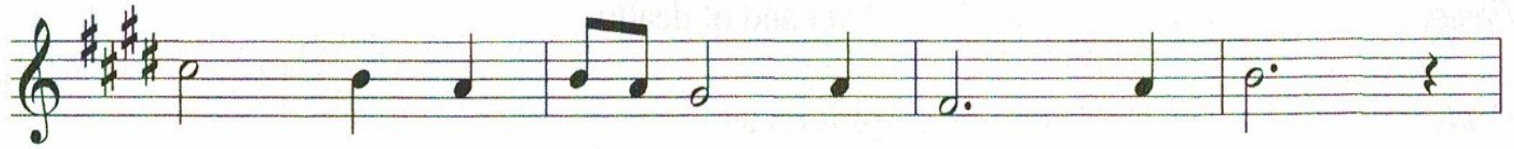
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for

ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*Please be seated for
 Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

Benediction and Sending Song

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

(Cantors sing each line, the congregation repeats.)

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
 May the Lord make His face to shine on you.
 And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
 May the Lord lift His countenance on you.
 May He keep you in perfect peace.

Dismissal

WA Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WA With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
 as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
May 10th

First Reading:	Acts 17:22-31
Psalm:	Psalm 66:8-20
Second Reading:	1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel:	John 14:15-21

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