

*Do you love me?*



*May 1, 2022*

*The 3rd 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 50 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.

### *Introduction*

*The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus.*

*Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.*

*Welcome to Worship*

*Call to Worship*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**All Amen.**

*P* In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety.

You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.

*P* You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,

our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,

now and forever.

**All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### *Opening Song*

## **Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:

death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!

Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

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### *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, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

***All* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

*P* Help, save, and defend us, O God.

***All* Amen.**

## Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. Refrain

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God; to make all things new. Refrain

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*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

*Prayer for This Day*

*P* Let us pray:

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.

**All** By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

*A Reading from Acts, the 9th chapter*

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas

look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

*Acts 9:1-20*

L Word of God, Word of Life!

**All Thanks be to God!**

*A Reading from The Revelation, the 5th chapter*

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”*

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb

be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and  
worshiped.

*Revelation 5:11-14*

*L* Word of God, Word of Hope!

**All Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

♪ ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? ♪ ♪  
You have the words of eternal life: Alleluia!

*Gospel Reading*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was



the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.  
<sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup>(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

*John 21:1-19*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## Will You Come and Follow Me

### *The Summons*

- 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
  
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"
  
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

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### *The Apostles' Creed*

- P** Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 of Intercession*

**L** Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

♪ ♪ Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: ♪ ♪  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

**L:** God, in your mercy,

**All:** You hear our prayer.

### *Passing of the Peace*

**P** Christ become peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

## *Offertory*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

♪ ♪ As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill ♪ ♪  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

## *Offertory Prayer*

*P* Risen One,  
as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,  
meet us now in this meal.

***All*** Nourish us to follow you,  
using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,  
and 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* 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:

*♪♪ Holy, holy, holy are you, ♪♪  
God of power and might;  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

*P* You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God;  
everything is filled with your glory.

We give you thanks for your promise and presence  
which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation.

Above all, we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and  
deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

*P* *♪♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen. ♪♪  
Christ will come, come again.*

*All* *♪♪ Christ has died. Christ is risen. ♪♪  
Christ will come, come again.*

*P* Remembering his command to love one another,  
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,  
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

*P*                    ♪ ♪ Amen, Come Lord Jesus.   ♪ ♪  
                         Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

**All**                    ♪ ♪ **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**   ♪ ♪  
                         **Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

*P*    Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
          that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

*P*                    ♪ ♪ Amen, Come Holy Spirit.   ♪ ♪  
                         Amen, Come Holy Spirit.

**All**                    ♪ ♪ **Amen, Come Holy Spirit.**   ♪ ♪  
                         **Amen, Come Holy Spirit.**

*P*    This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

          ♪ ♪ **Through Christ, with, Christ, in Christ,**   ♪ ♪  
                         **In the unity of the Spirit**  
                         **All glory and honor is yours, O God,**  
                         **Now and forever, Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*P*    Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All**                    **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.**

## *The Invitation*

**P** Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,  
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.  
Come to the feast.

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*

♪ ♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: ♪ ♪  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you broke the bond of sin and of death:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

# You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

1 You have come down to the lakeshore  
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
but only asking for me to follow.

*Refrain*

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;  
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;  
now with you, I will seek other seas.

2 You know full well what I have, Lord:  
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,  
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
working love for the rest of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

4 You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

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## Humble Thyself / Awesome God

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
And He shall lift you up higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up



Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above,  
With wisdom pow'r and love, Our God is an awesome God.

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## *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**

## **Praise to You, O God of Mercy**

- 1 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
- 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!

Bridge

Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

- 3 Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!

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*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*

*P* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday,  
May 8<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:**

Acts 9:36-43

**Psalm:**

Psalm 23

**Second Reading:**

Revelation 7:9-17

**Gospel:**

John 10:22-30

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