

Love one another..



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The 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 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

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able

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

How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O Lord, we praise your name.

O Lord, we magnify your name, Prince of Peace,

Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

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Greeting

You may be Seated

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.

Kyrie

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:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.

All Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A Reading from Acts, the 11th chapter

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell

upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Acts 11:1-18

L Word of God, Word of Life!

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from The Revelation, the 21st chapter

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Revelation 21:1-6

L Word of God, Word of Hope!

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able

♪ ♪ 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 13th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:31-35

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land Chorus

Verse 3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride Chorus

Verse 4

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one Chorus

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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

[You may be Seated](#)

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

♪ ♪ 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

Please stand as you are able

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:

*♪♪ 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

You may be Seated

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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

Bind Us Together

Chorus

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love.

Verse 1

There is only one God, There is only one King
There is only one body, That is why we can sing Chorus

Verse 3

You are the fam'ly of God, You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine Chorus

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Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue

- 1 Although I speak with angel's tongue,
my faith, my knowledge all surpass,
but have no love, my gifts are vain
as clanging gong or blaring brass.

- 2 For love is patient, love is kind,
and never vain with boasting pride;
love bears all things, all things endures.
All things must end; love will abide.

- 3 For now we peer at darkened glass;
our visions end; our tongues all cease.
In part we know, in part now see:
then we will see love face to face.

- 4 The gifts are many, the Body one,
and into one are all baptized.
Beloved, share one heart, one mind,
one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please stand as you are able

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
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Benediction and Sending Song

Please stand as you are able

(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 22nd

First Reading:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm:

Psalm 67

Second Reading:

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

Gospel:

John 14:23-29

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