



April 23, 2023

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.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

Introduction

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

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 Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of grace and glory,

**All you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

All Amen.

Opening Song

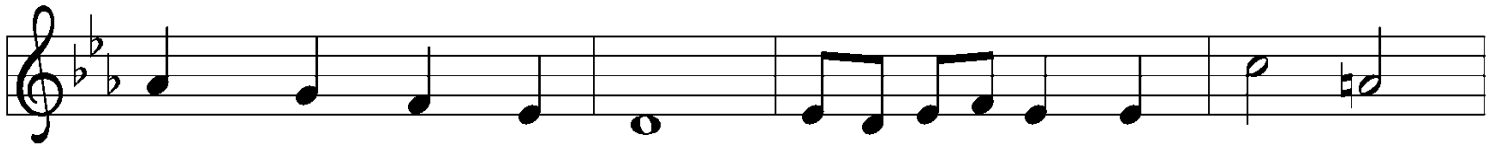
Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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.

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:

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

Refrain



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



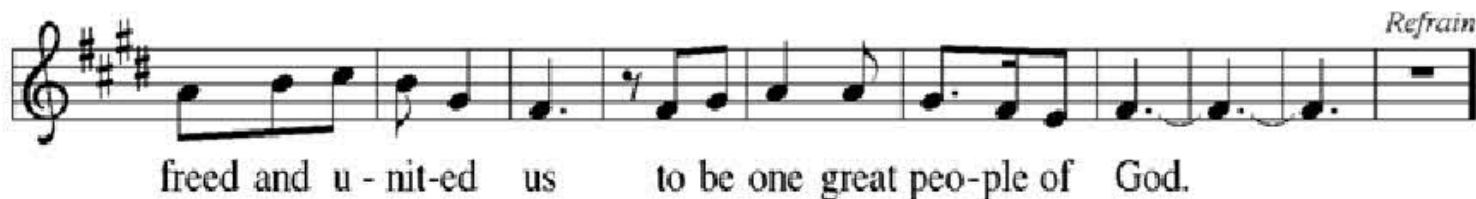
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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*

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

All Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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 2nd chapter

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],
³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

L Word of God, Word of Hope!

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 Peter the 1st chapter

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

1 Peter 1:17-23

L 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

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³ Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us,

because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Luke 24:13-35

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

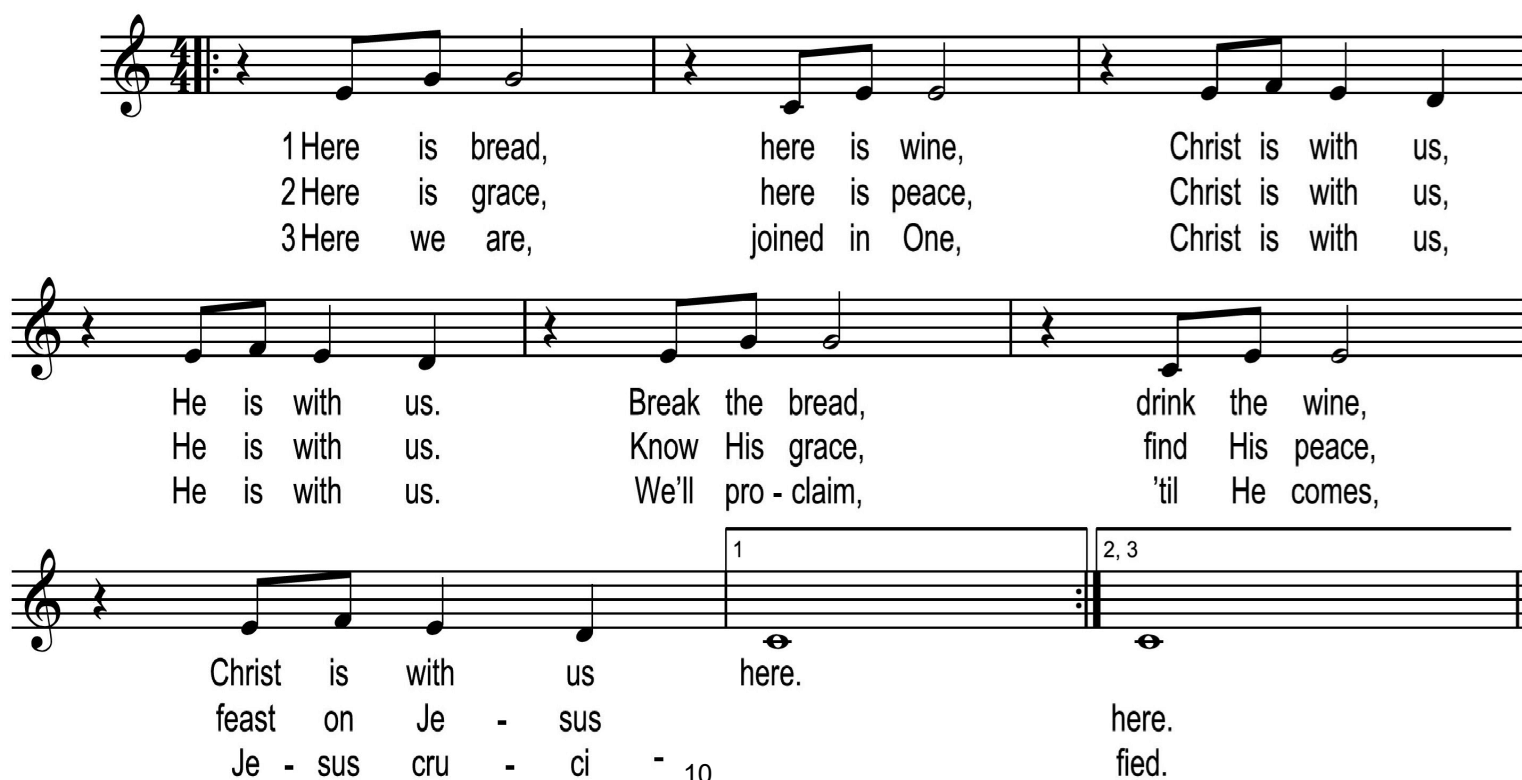
Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in One, Christ is with us,
 He is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine,
 He is with us. Know His grace, find His peace,
 He is with us. We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes,
 Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - 10 fied.

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for ev - er.

In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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 The People

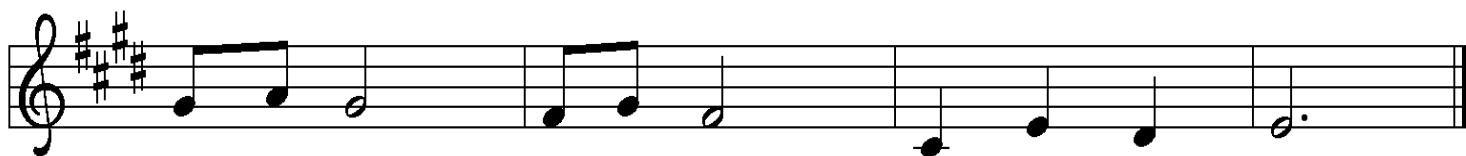
L United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



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: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

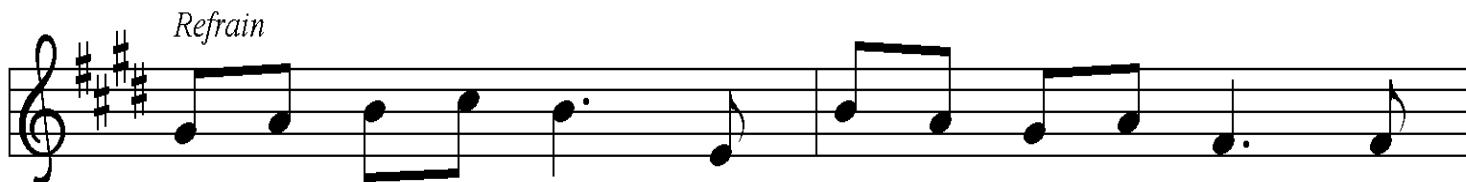
Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

Please stand in body or spirit.



As the grains of wheat once 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 Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.

All We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

**In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

P The Holy One be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up to our God.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give our 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.

P 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.

All Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will 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:

All 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.

All Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

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

Congregation

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, _____ in the
u-ni-ty_ of the Spir-it _____ all glo-ry and hon-or is

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "yours, O God, now and for - ev - er, _____". The second staff contains the lyrics: "A - - - - - men. _____". The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various rests and phrasing slurs.

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

shed for you and
 for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

Communion Songs

Stay with Us



1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to
 2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our
 3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our
 4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful
 5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor



you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our
 wear - y spir - its cry, feel a - gain our loss, our
 weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our
 life you will un - fold: heal our eyes to see the
 dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -

eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.
 pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.
 fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.
 prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.
 part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

Let Us Break Bread Together

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

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

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

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

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

THANKS BE TO YOU

Congregation:



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

Please stand in body or spirit.

(Leaders 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.



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Readings for next Sunday,
 April 30th

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Psalm: Psalm 23
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

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