

He is Risen!



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Resurrection of our Lord



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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

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (*Acts 10:34*). Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless

Prelude

Brian, Catherine & Kamberlynn Washburn

In Christ Alone

Please stand in body or spirit.

P When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Mark 16: 1-7



You raise me up so I can stand on moun - tains. You raise me up to walk on storm - y seas. I am



strong when I am on Your shoul - ders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us pray,
Ever-Living God,

All we come with our heads bent down sometimes,
overwhelmed with Good Friday news.
Raise us up, lift up our eyes,
so that we might look up and see
the tenacity of life in the midst of death.
We give to you the things that hold us down. Amen.

P Hear assurance in what the Psalmist proclaims:

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

The LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.
There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD
does valiantly. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of
the LORD."

from Psalm 118

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.



You raise me up so I can stand on moun - tains. You raise me up to walk on storm - y seas. I am



strong when I am on Your shoul - ders. You raise me up to more than I can be.

[You may be Seated](#)

Welcome to Worship

P Three days had passed. The women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, according to custom. No doubt the journey to the tomb was heavy. Perhaps they approached with heads lowered in defeat and grief. But then they looked up and it changed their lives. The barrier that they thought would be there was gone and what they discovered instead was life. Will we look up? Will we look up from our complacency, apathy, fear and depression about "the way things are" and be filled with the promise of new life and hope yet again? Will we be part of the raising up of humanity? We can say yes to this, for Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Opening Song

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

A Reading from 1st Corinthians the 15th chapter

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Acts the 10th chapter

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,

preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Acts 10:34-43

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Noisy Offering

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make “hope” tangible.*

In recent years, our Noisy Offering has fed 10 children for an entire year through Food for the Poor. The Noisy Offering has helped families by providing: 4 goats; two hens; 12 chicks; 2 piglets; mosquito netting; honeybees and a vegetable garden. You’ve provided a Farmer’s Field School, three fruit tree seedlings, seeds, and gardening tools.

Today we will collect our final Noisy Offering for the first quarter of 2024. We can’t wait to see how the children will choose to share!

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

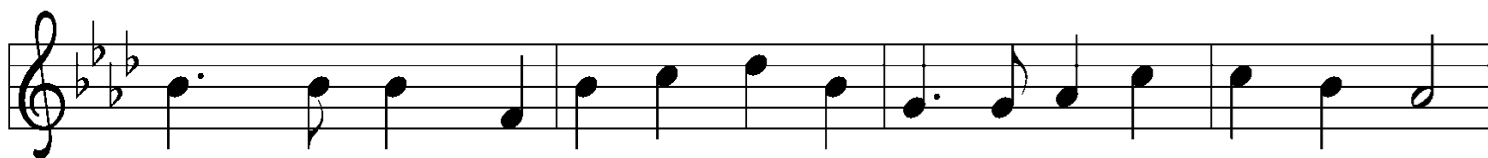
Please stand in body or spirit.

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;

All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



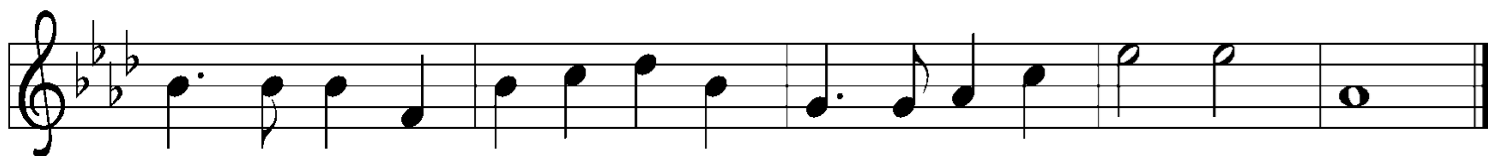
bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.

hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

Rite of Confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism)

PRESENTATION

At the conclusion of the hymn of the day, those affirming their baptism are invited to gather with Pastor Debra at the baptismal font.

P Dear friends in Christ, we rejoice in all God's gifts, and give thanks today for the gift of baptism and for these youth, who, one with us in the body of Christ, are making public affirmation of their baptism.

*Madisyn Alexis Gallop
Aiden Jeffrey Gallop*

L I present Madisyn Alexis Gallop and Aiden Jeffrey Gallop, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

L Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for this sister and brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of *Christ*.

All Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands ***I reject them.***

P Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands ***I reject them.***

P Do you reject the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands ***I reject them.***

The pastor addresses the congregation

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

P People of God, do you promise to support this sister and brother and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor and the confirmands move to the altar area.

L Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P Stir up in Madi and Aiden the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All Amen.

The confirmands stand and face the assembly.

L Let us rejoice with this sister and brother in Christ.

All We rejoice with you in the shared life of baptism as the Holy Spirit has gathered and gifted us to celebrate and share the love of Jesus together! AMEN

Madisyn's favorite Bible verse:

*⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8*

Aiden's favorite Bible verse:

*⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff — they comfort me. Psalm 23:4*

PRESENTATIONS!

Prayers of The People

WA Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: God of grace,

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 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 Spirit of Resurrection,

All we ask you to raise up these gifts in ways that we could not imagine.
Lift up our heads and our hearts as Easter people
who choose to believe that there is something we can be up to
for the Good of this world. Amen.

Holy Communion

The musical score is written on five staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are distributed across the staves as follows:

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with
Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We
Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give
Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is
right to give God thanks and praise.

P On the night 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.

P 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.

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

There's A Quiet Understanding

Words and Music by
Tedd Smith



1. There's a qui - et un - der - stand - ing when we're gath - ered
2. And we know when we're to - geth - er, shar - ing love and



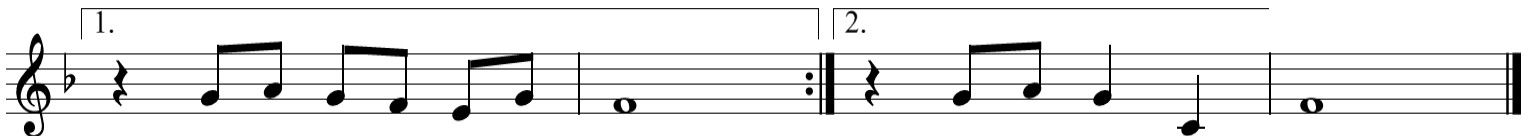
in the Spir - it; It's a prom - ise that He gives _ us, when we gath - er in His
un - der - stand - ing, that our broth - ers and our sis - ters feel the one-ness that He



name. There's a love we feel in Je - sus, there's a man - na
brings. Thank You, thank You, thank You, Je - sus, for the way You



that He feeds _ us; It's a prom - ise that He gives _ us,
love and feed _ us, for the man - y ways You lead _ us,



when we gath - er in His name. thank You, thank You, Lord.

Open The Eyes Of My Heart Words and Music by Paul Baloche

O - pen the eyes_____ of my heart,_____ Lord,____

o - pen the eyes_____ of my heart;_____ I want to see You,____

I want to see You.____ O - pen the eyes_____ of my heart,____

____ Lord,____ o - pen the eyes_____ of my heart;_____ I want to

see You,____ I want to see You._____ To see You

high and lift - ed up,_____ shin - ing in the light of Your glo -

ry.____ Pour out Your pow'r and love;_____ As we sing

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly._____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,____ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

ly;____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,____ I want to

1, 2, 3 see You._____ 4 see You._____

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves
and Ed Cash

1 The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

Last time to Coda
And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2 And

Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

D.S. al Coda
is our God! How great

Coda
is our God!

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

P Let us pray,
Generous God,

**All at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. Amen.**

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Loving God, your love is as close to us as our own hands and feet. People who need your love are as close to us as the people beside us, behind us and in front of us.

Send us into your world to love each other, sure that you love us.

Show us where we are needed and how we can make a difference so that the world sees the new life Jesus wants for everyone.

Help us live for Jesus wherever we go, whatever we do.

In the name of the Father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

All Amen.

Sending Song

Majesty

Words and Music by
Jack Hayford

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty. Un - to
Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty,
king - dom au - thor - i - ty Flow from His
throne un - to His own; His an - them raise. So ex -
-alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus. Mag - ni -
-fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.
Maj - es - ty, wor - ship His maj - es - ty -
Je - sus who died, now glo - ri -
-fied, King of all kings.

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

All Thanks be to God.



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Yummy Brunch AND Fellowship
Immediately FOLLOWING worship

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