

Daring to Dance Again



May 5, 2024

Who Can Withhold



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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 Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Break Forth

Welcome to Worship

P Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our awesome God!
Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our loving Christ!
Let all creation break forth into praises of this, our enlivening Spirit!



Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song. Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long. Dare to dance a-gain.

P O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the LORD. Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy!

**♪ ♪ Dare to dance with dreamers, sing their song. ♪ ♪
Dare to dance their stories, sing out strong.
Dare to dance with freedom your whole life long.
Dare to dance again.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Open yourselves to the grace of Jesus Christ that is always and already available here at this table.

Pray for those who have no earthly tables,
or no place at a table, and so little daily bread.

All We confess this day that we have been slow to join the dance that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all. In silence, let us lift up our prayers of confession...

P Hear this good news!

God has loved you from the very beginning.

The invitation of Christ is never-ending
because resurrection can happen at any moment.

The Holy Spirit is transforming you even now!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory to God! Amen!

Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart, teach me to move
in the power of your Spirit, teach me to [move] in the light of your pre-
- sence, teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.

Prayer for this Day

P Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –

All Let us be open to learn from the dances of others.

Open us to new steps for a new day.

Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you –
so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ.

Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Acts the 10th chapter

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Acts 10:44-48

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 John the 5th chapter

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

1 John 5:1-6

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Teach me to love with your heart of com - pas - sion, teach me to trust
in the word of your pro - mise, teach me to hope in the day of your com -
- ing, teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.____

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

John 15:9-17

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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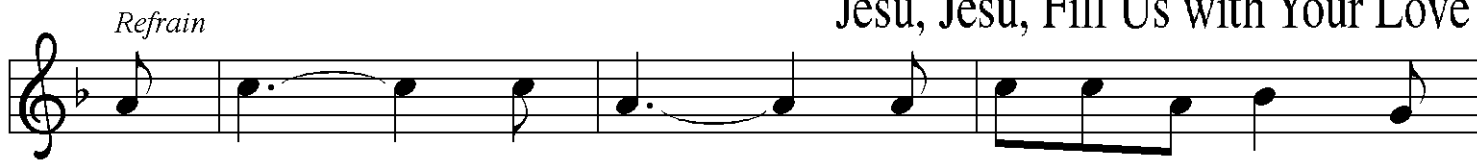
Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

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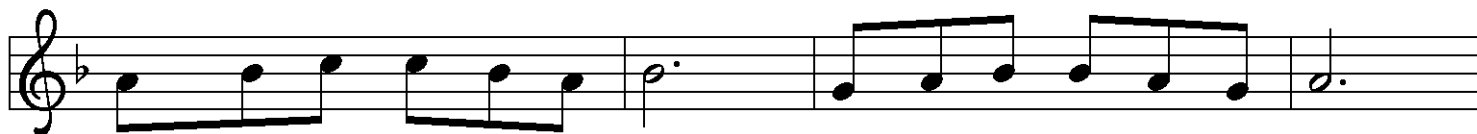
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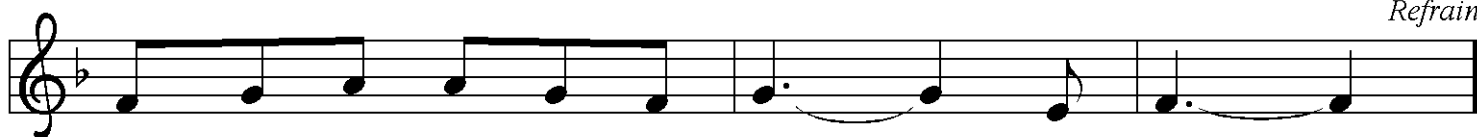
Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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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

You may be Seated

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.

Teach me to pray in the pow-er of Eas-ter, fol-low-ing Christ
 in a life res-ur-rec-ted, teach me to act with com-pas-sion and jus-
 -tice, teach me to dance with the beat of your heart.____

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: God of grace,

All: You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

You may be Seated



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer

P Jesus called his disciples "witnesses" to the possibility of resurrection.

All The world is in need of continued resurrection to new life.

We are called to be witnesses to this journey to newness by offering our resources and our energy to the work of justice and love through our offering today and every day. Amen.

Holy Communion



1. In re - mem - brance of Me, eat this bread. In re -
mem - brance of Me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of Me, pray for the
time when God's own will is done.

P Holy Living One,
You transformed a whole lot of nothing into this amazing creation.
You breathed life all around and called it good.

You invited us to the wonder of it all
and when we could not face you, you turned us around.

You keep bringing us around and around, time and again,
offering the chance to join the freedom-dance.

Jesus sat at tables with those who had no place
and offered fulfilling food for bodies and souls.

And on the night when he would give all love for us,
he sat at the table with extended family—

just as he hosts this table here and now with this extended family.

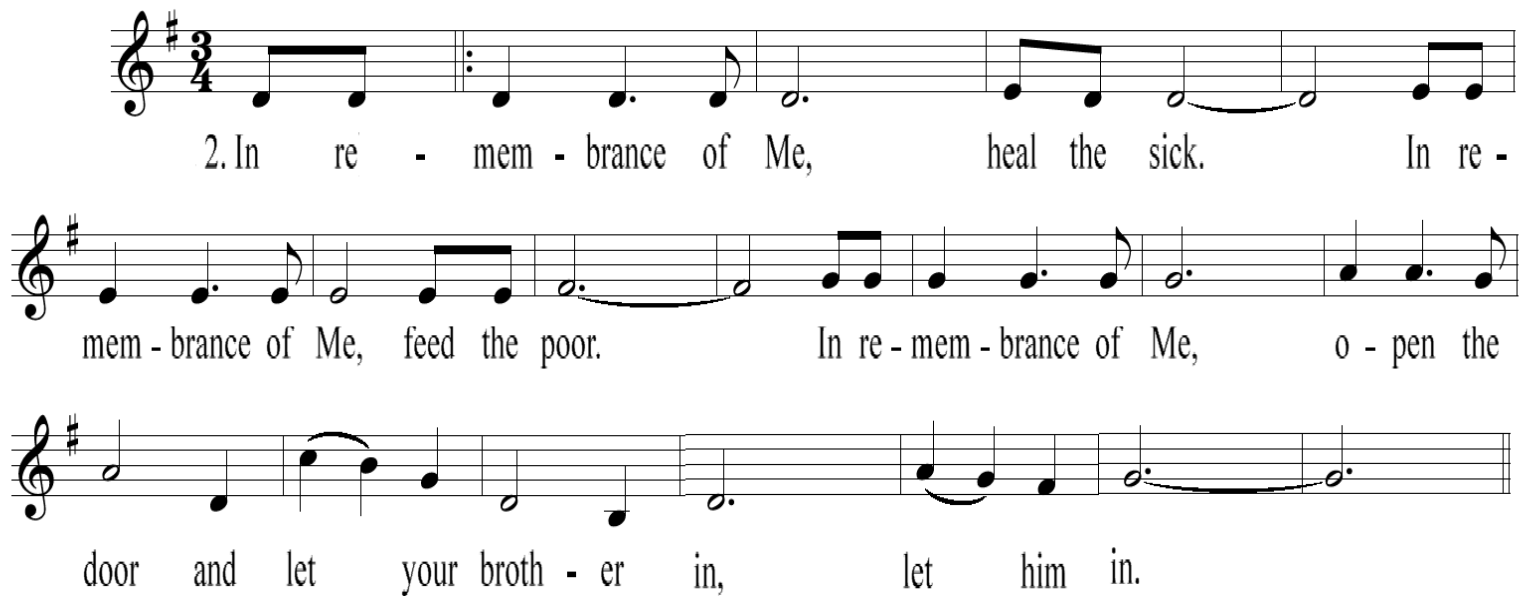
P He offered the usual prayers of thanks to you, God,
over bread and cup, and then disrupted the gathering with
uncustomary words:

“Take and eat this bread—it is my body given for you.
Whenever you gather around the table together, remember me.”

“Take and drink from this cup, each and every one—
it is the sign of a new covenant,
(for business-as-usual is over and done and the resurrection dance goes on).

This love is poured out for all people.

Whenever you gather around the table together, remember me.”



2. In re - mem - brance of Me, heal the sick. In re -
mem - brance of Me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of Me, o - pen the
door and let your broth - er in, let him in.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

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;**

All 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.**

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed, drink and re -
mem - ber, too, that this is My bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for
you, shed for you. 3. In re - mem - brance of Me, search for truth.
In re - mem - brance of Me, al - ways love. In re - mem - brance of Me
don't look a - bove, but in your heart, look in your heart for
God. Do this in re - mem - brance of Me. _____

The Invitation

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

shed for you and
for all people
for the forgiveness of sin
All are Welcome!

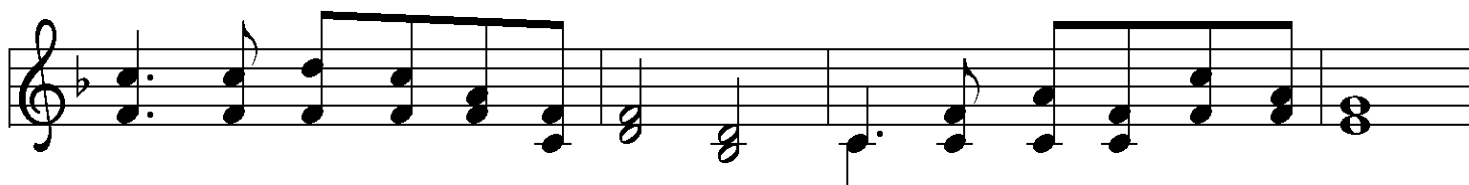


Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



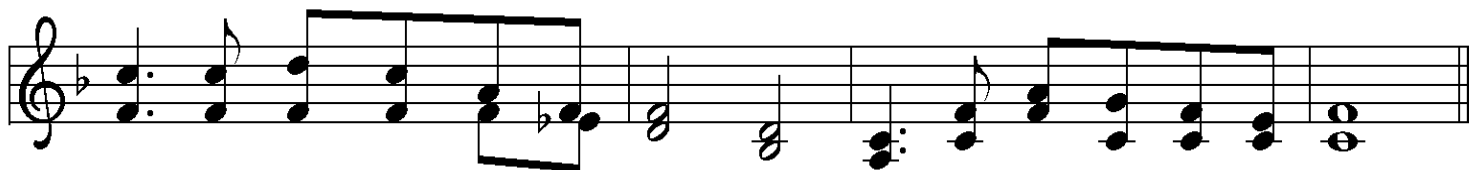
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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Words and Music by
Carol Owens



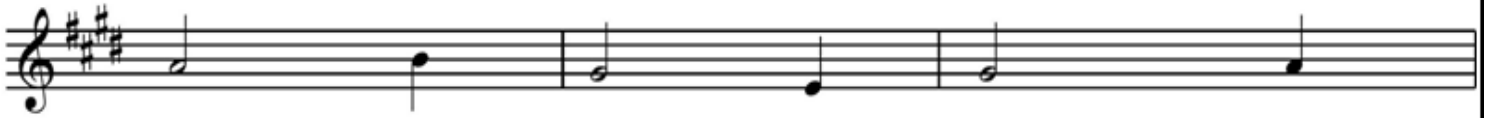
1 God for - gave my sin in Je - sus'
2 All _____ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus'



name, I've been born a - gain in
name, In _____ earth and heav'n in



Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |



come to you To share His
come to you to share His



love as He told me to: He said,
pow'r as He told me to: He said,



"Free - ly free - ly, you have re -



ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; _____



Go in My name and, be - cause you be -



lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live." _____

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 The table extends beyond this physical space
and into the space of the Spirit that unites us.
May the meal we have received ready us to
love, trust, hope, and dance
to the beat of God's heart. Amen**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P The poet Hafiz* said,

*“Every child has known God,
Not the God of names, Not the God of don'ts,
Not the God who ever does anything weird,
But the God who knows only four words.
And keeps repeating them, saying:
'Come dance with me, come dance.'”*

And may the Loving God, Risen Christ, † and Dancing Spirit fill you with all you need for the days ahead.

All Amen.

Sending Song

Love The Lord

Words and Music by
Lincoln Brewster



1. Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
2. I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



— and with all _ your strength; _
— and with all _ my strength; _



Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



— and with all _ your strength. With all _ your heart, _ with all _ your soul, .
— and with all _ my strength; With all _ my heart, _ with all _ my soul, .



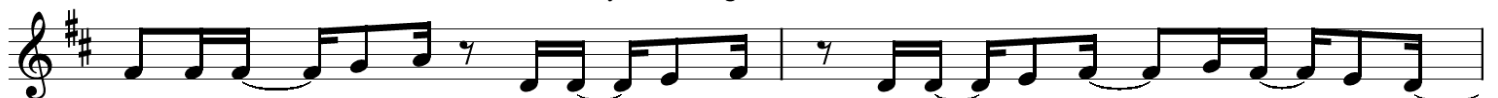
— with all _ your mind, _ with all _ your strength; _
— with all _ my mind, _ with all _ my strength; _



Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
I will serve _ the Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



— and with all _ your strength. _
— and with all _ my strength. _



I will love _ you Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



— and with all _ my strength. _

Dismissal

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

All Thanks be to God.



Readings for next Sunday,
May 12th

First Reading:	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm:	Psalm 1
Second Reading:	1 John 5:9-13
Gospel:	John 17:6-19

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