

Ascension Lutheran Church In Person & Livestream Worship  
May 16, 9:15am

*Welcome! A few pointers for those at home to make this worship service meaningful:*

- *Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle.*
- *Join us as for communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.*
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**Prelude**                      **“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” by J. S. Bach**                      **Organ Solo**

**Announcements**

**Confession**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.*

**Amen.**

*Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.*

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

*God of grace and glory,*

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet, we confess that we are still plagued by doubt and fear. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us, changing our lives and making us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Forgiveness**

## Gathering Hymn

## Gather Us In (532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## Greeting

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

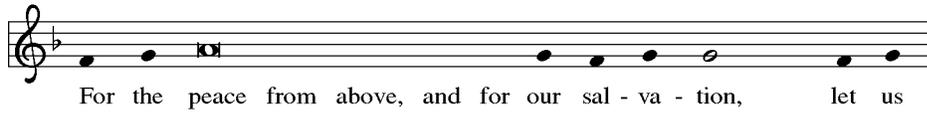
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

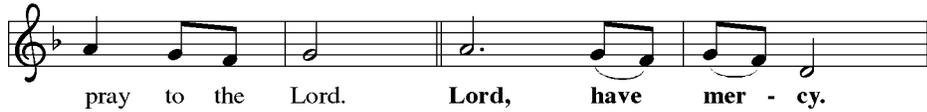
# Kyrie



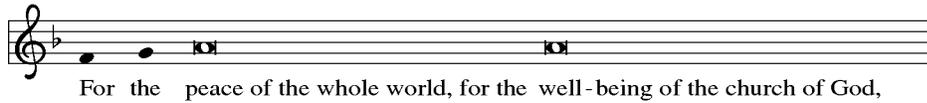
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



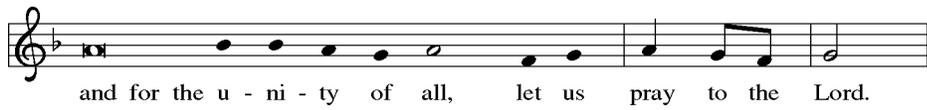
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



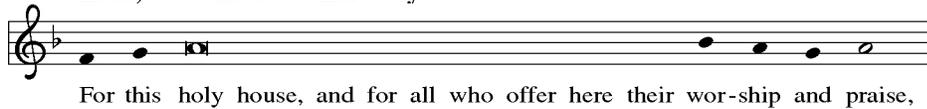
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

*Gracious God,*

**you have called us to your heavenly banquet. By your Spirit, help us heed your call to stop what we are doing and come to take in the abundance of your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**Special Music**

**"The Great Storm is Over"**

**Chancel Choir**

**Words and Music by Bob Franke © 1982 Telephone Pole Music**

## Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-10

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
 ‘The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the very head of the corner’,  
 and  
 ‘A stone that makes them stumble,  
 and a rock that makes them fall.’  
 They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may  
 proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
 but now you are God’s people;  
 once you had not received mercy,  
 but now you have received mercy.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

**+ Gospel Acclamation**



**Gospel Reading: Luke 14:15-24**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, ‘Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, “Come; for everything is ready now.” But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, “I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies.” Another said, “I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies.” Another said, “I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.” So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, “Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.” And the slave said, “Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.” Then the master said to the slave, “Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.” ’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Holt**

Hymn of the Day

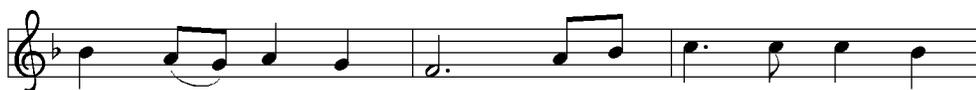
All Our Welcome (641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

+ Easter Creed

**This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## Prayers

*Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of those in need, and the life of all creation.*

*(a brief silence)*

### After each petition:

*Lord in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Those remembered in prayer this week ...*

*Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Jean Hinck, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Matthew Stannard, Ilene Steinkruger, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

### The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

*Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.*

*Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.*





take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn**

**One Bread, One Body (496)**



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

**The Communion Blessing**  
**Amen.**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Living God,*

**you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia! (382)**



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!

**Benediction**

**Amen.**

**Sending**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**“Psalm 19” by Benedetto Marcello**

**Organ Solo**

*Thank you Scott and Sandy Ewen for the altar flowers in honor of their first grandchild,  
Cooper Hayes Norton-Ewen.*

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