



**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

(+) Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Risen Lord,

**We confess to you, to ourselves, and to one another that we have caused harm by the things we have said and done, and by the things we have not said and not done. Take away our sins that we might fully embody your commandment to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

In grace and mercy, God forgives all our sins, and with joy and expectation, calls us into new life for the sake of the world, through Jesus Christ our savior. **Amen.**

(+) Gathering Song      *Good Christian Friends...*      ELW 385

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(+) Greeting

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.**

(+) *This Is the Feast*

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*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*
- 3 Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain*
- 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(+) Prayer of the Day

Messiah, Jesus,

**your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far. Amen.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 17:1-9

17:1 After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup> And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." <sup>4</sup> Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup> But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. <sup>6</sup> When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some brothers and sisters before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." <sup>8</sup> The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, <sup>9</sup> and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

R: Word of God, Word of Life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

1:1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup> For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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*Gospel Acclamation*

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The gospel according to Mark...

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

13:9 [Jesus said,] "As for yourselves, beware, for they will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup> And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak but the Holy Spirit.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Song

*Praise and Thanksgiving*

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- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Assisting Minister: God of new life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

Peace

**MEAL**      *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

*We give thanks to God and to you for your gifts and offerings.  
Our offering plate is located near the baptismal font at the  
entrance of the church, and we invite you to place your  
offering in the plate as you enter worship or at any time.*

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

**we offer ourselves, our time, and our resources to you,  
that you would use them to transform our world  
for the good of all people and all creation.**

**Accept these gifts as a sign of our faithfulness to you  
and our commitment to the work of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**



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.**

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table and Words of Institution

Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth...

Through him all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

(+) The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion

*We will receive communion at the altar railing. Please wait to come forward until directed by the usher. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Please take a prefilled cup from the communion tray and then place it in the empty tray as you leave the altar.*

*Prepackaged communion kits are also available near the entrance to the sanctuary if you would prefer to receive communion at your seat rather than coming forward.*

*Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

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have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.

Table Blessing

## Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,

in the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Announcements

### (+) Blessing

May God who has brought us from death to life  
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

- 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!     *Refrain*
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.     *Refrain*

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**