

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 *Arise, Your Light Had Come!* ELW 314

- 1 Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.
- 3 Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.

- 4 Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

(+) 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

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(+) Prayer of the Day

God of community,

You call us into loving and supportive relationship with one another in our church family. Through the Holy Spirit, unify our hearts and minds, that together we might strive to bring your healing grace into the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

1st Reading

Acts 18:1-4

18:1 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³ and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴ Every Sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

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

2nd Reading

1 Cor. 1:10-18

1:10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas;

beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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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.

Gospel

Mark 9:33-35

P: The gospel according to Mark...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

9:33 Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house [Jesus] asked [the disciples], “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

- 1 We are baptized in Christ Jesus,
we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious,
we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united
in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited,
for he lives.
- 2 In the water and the witness,
in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus
who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning
from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning
we hold fast.
- 3 Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning,
glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending.
Amen.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heath, 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.

Great Thanksgiving

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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 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 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
- 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

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.

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