

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Welcome and Call to Worship:

L: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song: “Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”

ELW #377

Prayer of Confession

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

Silence for meditation

L: God of life,

P: by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

L: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn of Praise: “Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW #167

Prayer of the Day

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Holy and righteous God,*

P: **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

L: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.* P: **And also with you.**

(Worshippers are invited to greet one another with “Peace be with you.”)

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

New Testament P. 212

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

Gospel Acclamation:



The Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48

New Testament Pg. 78

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Message: “We Are Witnesses”

Pastor Jeff Eisele

Hymn of the Day: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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Affirmation of Faith: 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 Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord, in your mercy*, the congregation will respond, **hear our prayer.**)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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.

The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music:

“Come, Let Us Eat”

ELW #491

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

ELW #393

“ My God, How Wonderful Thou Art”

ELW #863

The Communion Blessing

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

Sending Song: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

The Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News! P: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!