

# GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

**Prelude:** “All Creatures of our God and King/Shaker Song”

arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

## **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:** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW #449

## **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: O God,*

**P: you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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.”)

## Children’s Message: “My Church” Milestone

### Choir Anthem: “Neither Life Nor Death”

*Refrain – All*

Nei-ther death, nor life, nor an-gels, nor rul-ers, nor  
trials in the pres-ent, nor an - y trial to come, nei - ther height, nor  
depth, nor all of cre - a - tion can ev - er sep - a - rate us  
from the love of God poured out in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

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# GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

**The Lesson:** 1 John 4:7-21

New Testament P. 213

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Gospel:** John 15:1-8

New Testament Pg. 95

Spark Story Bible P. 452

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love would bear fruit, for apart from him, they could do nothing.*

**The Message:** “Life on the Vine”

Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

**Hymn of the Day:** “O Blessed Spring”

ELW #447

**Affirmation of Faith:** Apostles’ Creed

**Prayers of the Church**

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Let us pray*, the congregation will respond, **Have mercy, O God.**)

**Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry**

Offering: “Thine”

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

## 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

### 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:

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

ELW #708

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

ELW #808

“Thine the Amen”

ELW #826

### The Communion Blessing

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

### The Blessing

Sending Song: “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW #208

### The Dismissal

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