

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Prelude: “O Worship the King”

arr. Croft and Sparke
Samuel Eisele, saxophone

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: “You Are Mine”

ELW #581

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
Emma Vogel, violin and Katherine Eisele, flute

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: O God,

P: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(8:45) Choir anthem: “In Christ Alone”

arr. Mark Hayes

Sharing of the Peace

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

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

Teens & Traffic Milestone Blessing

P: Heavenly Father, Guardian of all, we pray today that you would send your Holy Spirit to accompany these new drivers on all of their journeys, long and short. Give them wisdom beyond their years and help them to obey both your laws...and ours! Watch over them and be with them wherever they go. Amen.



GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

New Testament P. 213

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

Gospel Acclamation:

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

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The Gospel: John 15:9-17

New Testament Pg. 96

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

The Message: “Joy (*n.*): grace recognized”

Pastor Christy Hallenbeck Ask

Hymn of the Day: “In Thee Is Gladness”

ELW #867

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

(As each of the prayers concludes, *Hear us, O God*, the congregation will respond, **Your mercy is great.**)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

Offering: “Amazing Grace”

arr. Bill Holcombe
Samuel Eisele, saxophone

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:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

“I Come with Joy”

ELW #482

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

ELW #385

The Communion Blessing

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

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

ELW #208

Emma Vogel, violin and Katherine Eisele, flute

The Dismissal

L: *Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.* **P:** **Thanks be to God.**