

ORDER OF WORSHIP
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 1st, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL-JULY WORSHIP 10AM

Now The Feast & Celebration
An Alternative Eucharistic Setting by Marty Haugen

PRELUDE Shirley Bergman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: ELW 369 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

- 3 Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
when contending death and life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Stand

Presider: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presider: Most merciful God,

Congregation: **Have mercy on us.**

We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved on another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen

Presider: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgive you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Stand

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

P: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

P: For your people here who have come to give you praise for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, lord have mercy.

P: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

NOW THE FEAST

Now the feast and celebration,

All of creation sings for joy

To the God of life and love and freedom:

Praise and glory for evermore!

1) Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God.
Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

2) Power and riches, wisdom and might
All honor and glory to Christ forever.

Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

3) For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God;
To make all things new.

Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory for evermore!

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, **with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

A Reading from Revelation:

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²**O LORD God, I cried to you, and you restored to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.”**

⁷You, O LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was in distress with fear.

⁸**I cried to, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?”

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, my helper.”**

¹¹You have turned my wailing to dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD God, I will give you thanks forever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

The Gospel of John:

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."¹⁶A second time he said to

him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 389 CHRIST IS ALIVE!

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

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 INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Restore all people who cry to you for help (*especially*). Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you (*and especially the church in...*). Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them

strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Assistant: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy are you

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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. 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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Lamb of God (*Now the Feast p. 13, all four verses*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Presider: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, generous God,

for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

May God bless us and keep us,
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God, look on us with favor and give us peace.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: ELW 384 THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

- 1 that easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen lord!**

- 2 o jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

- 3 o christ, you are the lord of all
in this our easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

- 4 all praise, o risen lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
to god the father equal praise,
and god the spirit, now we raise!**

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday worship services will be at **10:00am April-July.**

Communion Class for interested children in K-2 will be held Wednesday, May 4, 1:30-4pm at ALC.

Plant Sale: The Independence Garden Club will have a plant sale on Saturday, May 14th 8-11 a.m, at the Falcon Civic Center, 1305 5th Avenue NE, Independence. If you have plants to contribute to the event, contact Shirley Bergman. Proceeds contribute to scholarships.

Synod Assembly: June 10-11, Friday and Saturday, NE Iowa Synod meets at Wartburg College with the theme "Better Together." Early bird registration for delegates is May 1. Contact Pastor or Sue Hoey.

Midweek Boost: We enjoyed a fun pasta buffet, songs, story, and Resurrection Buns in April. Please consider hosting the next Midweek Boost, our alternative worship, on Wednesday, May 25.

Youth Group Mission Trip to Milwaukee June 6-9. The group will provide service to two specific missions: Tricklebee Cafe, a pay-as-you-can cafe, and the Urban Ecology Center, whose goal is to bring nature into urban areas. We will stay at the Urban Gathering Center housed inside Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church. In addition to the service work, the group will spend a little time exploring Milwaukee and having some fun at the lake & the zoo!

Vacation Bible School Save-The-Date: Aug 14-17. Our theme will be "Food Truck Party." More info will be coming soon!

VBS Volunteer Meeting: There will be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering to help at VBS this summer on Sunday, May 22 at 4pm at ALC.

Support Ukrainian Refugees: To support Lutheran Disaster Response through the congregation, indicate "Eastern Europe Crisis" on your donation, or give online at <https://community.elca.org/eastern-europe-crisis-responseelca.org>.

Donations: ALC member **Stephanie Winkelpleck, diagnosed with** Acute Myeloid Leukemia, thanks you for your generous giving. To help, please designate your donation. **Caring Bridge** link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/stephaniewittwinkelpleck>.

Prayer Shawl meets Tuesdays, 10 AM - noon. Enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting. New members welcome. The shawls and blankets are shared with those who are ill, grieving, and in need of comfort.

Military members: Jordan and Justin are deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia for several months. Jeryn Loyd is in the Army Reserves and is a student at Iowa State. Please contact the church office to add other names who serve. We'd like to remember them in our prayers.

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY:

Pastor: Pastor Kristen Rod

Music: Shirley Bergman

Usher: Mike and Chris Waring

Bryan and Rayla Tonne

Reader:

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday May 1st:

10am Worship and communion

Tuesday May 3rd:

10am -12pm Prayer Shawl

Wednesday May 4th:

Communion Class for K-2nd Graders, 1:30-4pm

Thursday May 5th:

9:30am Women's Bible Study

Sunday May 8th:

10am Worship and communion

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance: 36

Current: \$11,366.75

Offering: 04/24/22

Current: \$2,075

Benevolence: \$507

Improvement: \$210