

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 22nd, 2022
SIXTH 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 377 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

1 alleluia! Jesus is risen!
trumpets resounding in glorious light!
splendor, the lamb, heaven forever!
oh, what a miracle god has in sight!

Refrain

jesus is risen and we shall arise.
give god the glory! Alleluia!

2 walking the way, christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

3 jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and easter is bright.
cherubim sing: o grave, be open!
clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 city of god, easter forever,
golden jerusalem, jesus the lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,

sing with creation to god the i am! Refrain

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

Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us**

food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through 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: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

A Reading from John:

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you.²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps.:4)

¹May God be merciful to and bless us;
may the light of God's face upon us.

²**Let your way be known earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise, O God;
let all the praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples you, O God;

let all the praise you.

**⁶The earth has brought its increase;
God, our own, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²¹I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

SERMON READING: ACTS 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A Reading from Acts:

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 631 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, 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.**

OFFERING And Noisy Offering for Tricklebee Cafe

OFFERTORY SONG: As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become out bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you

1. As this this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
2. Let this be a foretaste of all this is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

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.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace especially Dennis Bushkofsky and Jeanne Thompson . Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people (especially). Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died (especially) when we meet together at your river of life. 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 763 MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG

1 my life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
i catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

no storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock i'm clinging.
since christ is lord of heaven and earth,
how can i keep from singing?

2 through all the tumult and the strife,
i hear that music ringing.
it finds an echo in my soul.
how can i keep from singing? ***Refrain***

3 what though my joys and comforts die?
the lord my savior liveth.
what though the darkness gather round?
songs in the night he giveth. ***Refrain***

4 the peace of christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
all things are mine since i am his!
how can i keep from singing? ***Refrain***

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE by Shirley Bergman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Synod Assembly: June 10-11, Friday and Saturday, NE Iowa Synod meets at Wartburg College with the theme "Better Together." ALC delegates are Tom Hoey and Shirley Bergman.

Call Committee: Please let a member of the council know if you are interested in serving on the call committee. Thanks, Sue

Lily Pick Up: If you purchased an Easter Lily, please pick them up from the Fireside room.

Midweek Boost: Please join us for the next Midweek Boost THIS Wednesday, May 25 from 6-7 pm. We'll share a meal, moments of prayer and reflection and fellowship. Please bring a friend!

Potluck for Pastor Kristen & family: ALC will be hosting a potluck to say farewell to Pastor Kristen and her family on her last Sunday, May 29th. The potluck will be in the ALC fellowship hall at 11:30. Everyone from ALC and Jubilee are invited.

Donations needed for the Youth Group Mission Trip to Milwaukee June 6-8. 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 could use a few supplies to offset our expenses! Please select a slip from the bulletin board in the lower narthex, and return your item(s) to church **by Friday, June 3.** If you would like someone to pick up your items, please call Sara Borland at 319-230-8223 to arrange a pick up. Thank you!

VBS Meeting Sunday, May 22, 4 PM at ALC for all interested volunteers. VBS is Aug 14-17 with the theme "Food Truck Party."

Jesup Ministerial Summer Food Program: Every summer, churches in Jesup work together to provide food to families in our community. ALC is collecting instant oatmeal to contribute to this— boxes of instant oatmeal may be placed in the yellow grocery cart in the church entryway. Churches take turns packing the food that will be distributed. ALC and Jubilee will be packing food at 4pm at

the St A's gym on July 6 and July 20. Come one or both times. See Mary Adams if you have any questions.

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: Bergman family
Nuehring family
Reader:

Sunday May 29th:

10am Worship and communion
11:30am Farewell Potluck for Pastor Kristen

THIS WEEK AT ALC

Sunday May 22nd:

10am Worship and communion
4pm VBS Meeting Sunday at ALC

Tuesday May 24th:

10am -12pm Prayer Shawl

BY THE NUMBERS

Attendance **5/15/22:** 47
Current **5/15/22:** \$6,359.60

Offering: **05/15/22**

Current: \$1,825
Benevolence: \$557
Improvement: \$135
NSB Tricklebee Café: \$79.11