

WE ARE GATHERED

SONG- **IN JESUS' NAME**

Worship Song – **GLORIOUS**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS (*pastor front center*)

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• WL: Last Announcement: Let us stand, turn to our neighbor and say hello.

WL: Please join me in prayer ... **<PAUSE>**

WL:

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God is forgiving and gracious.

Join with me in your hearts for this time of confession.

ALL: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone, and we grow fearful. We cling to false comforts, and we turn away from our neighbors. We plead: come to us, bring your mercy to birth in us.

P: Friends, God's spirit embraces us with forgiveness and grace. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Worship Song – **ECHO HOLY**

P: The congregation may be seated.

WE ARE TRANSFORMED

Word – Luke 24:13-35 NRSVue

Introduction:

P: ¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to

them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – Daniel Luepke

SERMON RESPONSE – GOD WITH US

WL: Please stand. We join in a time of prayer.

Following each petition, please join me in saying: *Receive Our Prayer.*

Let us pray.

After each petition, please respond with:

P: Merciful God,

ALL: receive our prayer

Offering

WL: You may be seated.

- We take a moment to offer our thanks to God.
- I invite you to use the gratitude card in your bulletin.
- Place it in the offering plate your gratitude card along with any offering. You can also make an offering electronically.

Would the ushers please come forward.

Offering Song- KING OF MY HEART

Communion

P: 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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

P: Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

P: You may be seated. Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward.
There is gluten free bread and juice available upon request. The table is set
and all are welcome. (optional) Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Distribution – GIVE ME JESUS

Post communion prayer:

P: We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news and proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Sending Service for Daniel Luepke

Steve: People of God, we pause to give thanks and to send forth our sibling in Christ, Daniel Luepke. Daniel will soon complete his seminary formation at Wartburg Theological Seminary and go from among us to be ordained as a minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Steve: First, we have these gifts to offer Daniel from on behalf of the congregation.

I invite Sue Padget and Terry Shie, who served as the chair of Daniel's Internship and Support Committee to come forward, along with

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*Terry Shie offers a communion kit
Sue Padget offers a banner to Daniel.*

Scripture

Katie: A reading from Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Address

Steve: Daniel, in holy baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his church. In your time among us as Member Engagement Coordinator and then serving as Intern and Synodical Authorized Minister at Ascension Lutheran Church, you have enriched this congregation and Ascension through your faithfulness, your prayers, and your witness to the gospel. God has blessed you and blessed us through you.

Steve: As you make final preparations to be sent to serve as an ordained minister in Christ's church, we release you with gratitude and send you with our blessing. Go now to share the gospel, baptize and teach, announce God's forgiveness, and preside at the Lord's table. We will hold you in our prayers.

Steve: People of God, do you give thanks for Daniel's ministry among us, and do you send him forth with your blessing?

All: We do, and we give thanks to God for our time together.

Prayer

Steve: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant Daniel, formed in faith and prepared for ministry through Wartburg Seminary and the SE Iowa Synod, and nurtured among us as your people. You have watched over his going out and his coming in. Now bless and preserve him at this time of sending. Day by day, guide him and give him what is needed—courage to preach your Word, wisdom to shepherd your people, friends to cheer his way, and a clear vision of that to which you are calling him. By your Holy Spirit be present in his pilgrimage, that he may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Sending & Blessing

WL:

Sending Song – GOD IS HERE

Dismissal

WL: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!