

**Lakeside Lutheran Church Traditional Service**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 2021**  
**Lakeside Lutheran Church**  
**2427 Eaton Ferry Road**  
**Littleton, NC 27850**



Website: [www.lakesidelutheran.com](http://www.lakesidelutheran.com)  
Email: [admin@lakesidelutheran.com](mailto:admin@lakesidelutheran.com)

**Welcome** to all who have come to worship today! Let us praise the Lord together by singing joyously, praying fervently, listening attentively to God's Word, and reaching out a friendly hand to one another. We share an open communion, all who come are welcome to share the Communion Table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Blessings to all!

**Prayer for Worshipers:** With thanksgiving we come to worship you this day, O Lord. You have blessed us with gifts of grace and goodness beyond our need and our deserving. Cause us always to recognize the source of our blessings and support, and to be ever grateful to the Giver. Hear our praises and prayers this day and speak to us through your Word that is interpreted by your Spirit. Send us from this time together with new joy and with the strength needed to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Our worship:** Our setting is a community gathered around Word and Sacrament; communion with God and with each other. In our scripture reading, our musical offerings and at the table, God is in this place. We invite you to experience and give praise to our Creator God as you join in worship.

**Participating in Today's Worship:** **Director of Music:** Janice Thompson; **Assistant Director of Music:** Diane Colin; **Sound/slides:** Jim Noland/Ken Hinrichs; **Video:** Scott Hofmann; **Lector:** Ken Hinrichs

## **THEME OF THE DAY:**

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

## **WELCOME:**

### **PRELUDE: Day of Arising**

*Diane Colin, flute; Janice Thompson, piano*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,


**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**


P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds




1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## GREETING:

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

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE:

ELW p.184

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast

ELW p.187

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **WORD:**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

L: A reading from Acts.

L: <sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as



did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM: Psalm 4**

L: <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me  
and hear my prayer.

C: <sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

L: <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin;  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

C: <sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

L: <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain and wine abound.

**C: <sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**L: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ELW p. 188

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

<sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor Sherrie Hofmann**

# HYMN OF THE DAY:

# ELW 392 Verses 1. 4. & 5

## Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

Text © 1978 and Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved.

Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## **NICENE CREED:**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin  
Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

P: You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in

authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others:

**Nancy Bateman**

**Ilissa Beavers**

**Anne White**

*Bishop*

**Bruce Bredland**

**Adele Bryant**

**Sara Chylack**

**Georgie Lee**

*Copeland*

**Joyce Eearing**

**Charles Evans**

**Geneva Fitts**

**Mark Freeze**

**Elizabeth**

*Groeger*

**Karl Groeger**

**Douglass Gross**

**Mercy Blanco**

*Huggler*

**Linda**

*Huntington*

**Carolyn**

*Johnson*

**Dale Kittell**

**Christopher**

**Jane Maske**

**Bobbie Mayo**

**Valorie**

*McArthur*

**Andrew Noland**

**Sybil Pipho**

**Claire Rooks**

**Terry Rutan**

**Crystal Saner**

**Amy Smith**

**Mary Spence**

**Paulette**

*Thomas*

**Aimee Turner**

**Chip & Jan**

*Young &*

**Michelle**

**Joyce Walker**

**Susan**

*Zimmerman*

Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.



**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces especially those related to our church family.

**Terry**

**Andy**

**Lt. Col. John D.**

**Captain Amanda**

**Mollie**

**KC**

**Remington**

**Austin**

**Parker**

**Heather**

**Major Mark**

**Nicholas**

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that surround them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence.

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE:**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL:**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**OFFERING:** Thank you for sharing the gifts that God has given you to continue God's ministry in our church, community and the world.

Options for submitting your offering or building fund donation:

- Mail your check to Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2427 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton NC 27850.
- Use your bank's web bill pay to send a check directly and with no fees to Lakeside Lutheran at the above address.
- Drop your offering envelope in the no-contact collection basket in the Narthex as you exit Worship.

## OFFERING SONG:

ELW 691

### Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957

Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune

Text © 1990 Augsburg Fortress

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## OFFERING PRAYER:

**P:** Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

### **DIALOGUE:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses  
of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:

ELW p. 190

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## **THE 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;  
and 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### COMMUNION:

P: The body of Christ, given for you.

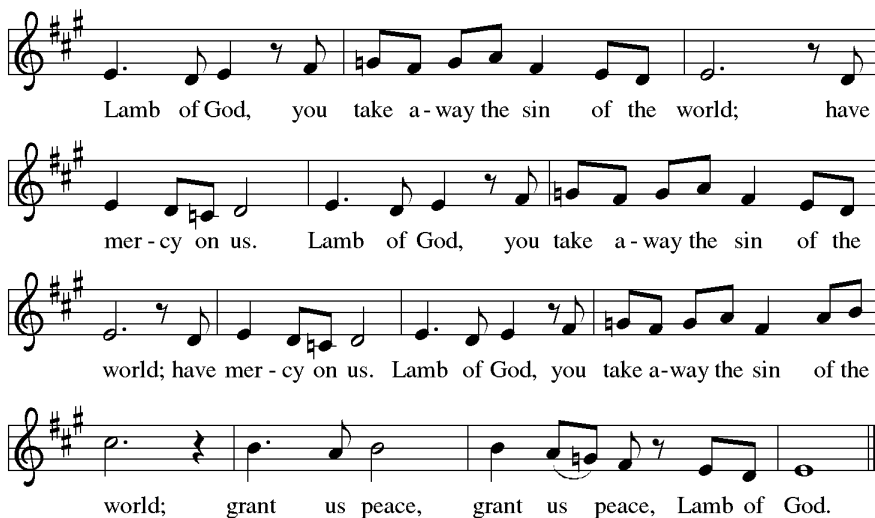
C: Amen.

P: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C: Amen.

### COMMUNION SONG: Lamb of God

ELW p. 191

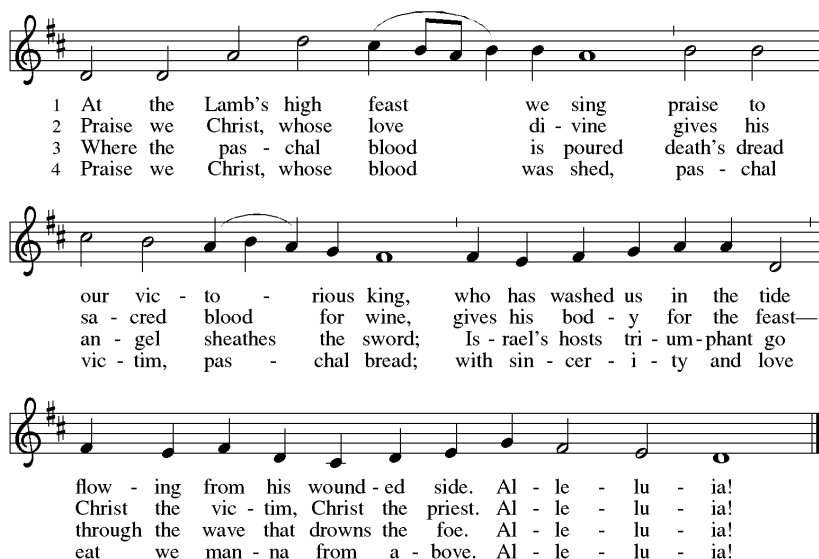


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



# POST COMMUNION SONG: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362 Vs 1, 3, & 4

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal

our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love

flow - ing from his wound - ed side, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

P: Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING:

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## SENDING SONG:

## ELW 389 Verses 1, 2 & 5

### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

## **BLESSING:**

P: May the Spirit of the living Christ fill you with faith and trust, burn in you with the fire of love, enliven your bones, body and life, and breathe through you the breath of life.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Message:**

### **Faith-Sustaining Patterns in a World of Stockpiles**

Faith cannot be stockpiled. It needs a pattern of replenishment. Today, the disciples are hungry. While their stomachs may not be rumbling, their hunger is shown in their lack of certainty about who Jesus is. Even though they were just talking about how Jesus walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus, his real presence now frightens them. Doubt, disbelief, and fear are like hunger to the disciples.

Jesus relieves the hunger with his risen presence. When the disciples are unsure what to make of the mess that life has become, Jesus shows up. When their hunger for truth and certainty is most apparent, Jesus walks into the room. The answer to someone's hunger is not to ask why they are hungry. Nor is the answer to doubt a question about why they cannot believe. The answer is food. The answer is the real Jesus showing up and easing fears. Everyone's faith needs sustenance. Those who listen to the preacher and gather at the table today are looking for the God of truth and love to settle their doubts.

Even though Jesus' disciples had been speaking about his appearance to two of them on the road to Emmaus just verses earlier, Jesus does not become agitated at the fact that the disciples are afraid of him. Jesus expects the fears and the doubts about his presence in the room. He knows that one post-resurrection appearance to them will never be enough. There will need to be more appearances to sustain the faith of generations of disciples!

The appearances become a pattern, with Jesus entering into the lives of his disciples, eating with them and teaching them. Finally, Jesus sends the disciples out as witnesses. Today the witnesses come back into the pattern of Jesus' appearance to remember what was witnessed—so that their own testimony of a Savior who sets their fears at ease will also ease the doubts and fears of other hearers.

## **Announcements:**

- **Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am – Christian Education:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89738865427>  
Password for entry: 238527
- Daily Faith Practices Bible Study at 9 a.m. each Wednesday, **Join Zoom Meeting # 84581372630; Passcode: 089118**
- Any information that is to be posted in the **Bulletin** must be received in the Church Office no later than 4:00 pm on the Tuesday before.
- Learn more about our church by visiting us at [www.lakesidelutheran.com](http://www.lakesidelutheran.com), and don't forget to like us on Facebook.

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church  
Monday, April 19, 2021**

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus

published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

**Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

**Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación) (LLC)**

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

**Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960**

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.

Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

Copyright © 2021 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

One License # A-734177- A and CCLI # 2958757

Augsburg Fortress License SAS 066212