

# The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

*Serving God through the ELCA in the Metropolitan New York Synod*

Christ  
THE LORD  
— is Risen



**WORSHIP GUIDE  
FOR  
EASTER SEASON**

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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Our prelude music is designed to help you and your neighbors to relax, settle in, and immerse yourselves in some quiet time with God before we begin our worship service. This is also a good time to double check your portable devices to make sure they are on "mute." We hope that this prelude music will enhance your worship experience and bring peace to you.*

## Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

**Leader** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, and abounding in steadfast love.

**All** Amen.

**Leader** Trusting in Christ's promise of forgiveness, let us now turn our hearts toward God in humble confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel or sit.*

**Leader** Gracious God,

**All** You are our breath and our very life. We are the work of your hands, the children of your creation. We confess that we have often turned from you and sought our own path through life. Forgive us our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, that you may be our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader** As we are reminded each week, God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were still far away, and has given us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. By grace you have been saved, and in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit, God now forgives you all your sins!

**All** Amen.

*Singing at the gathering may include hymns old and new, a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world, or a canticle of praise to God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.*

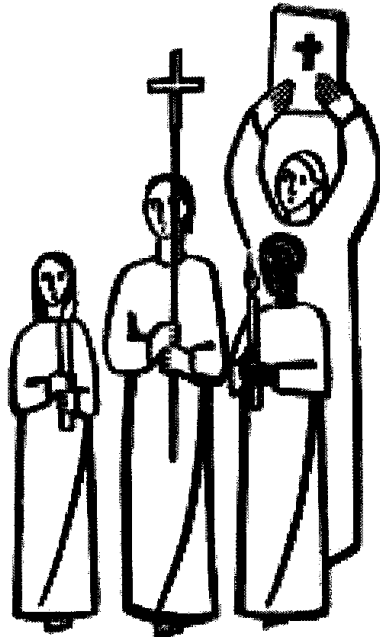
## Gathering Hymn

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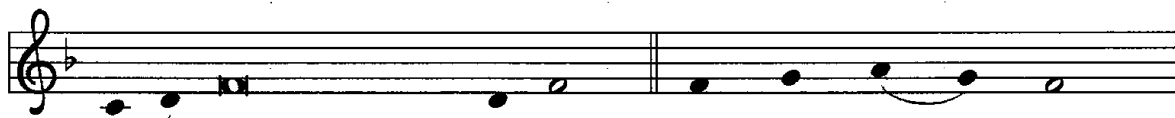
## Apostolic Greeting

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

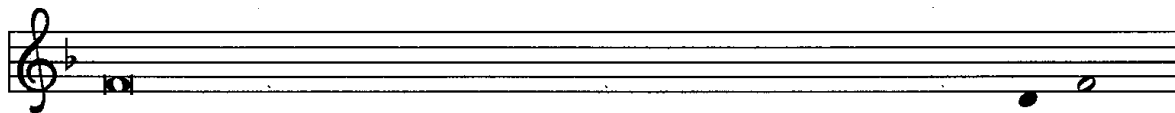
**All** And also with you.



# Kyrie



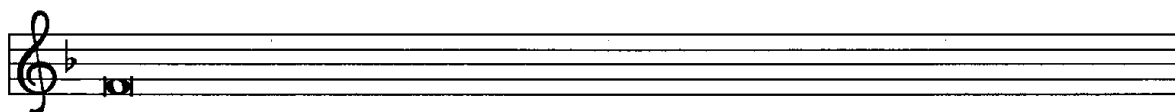
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



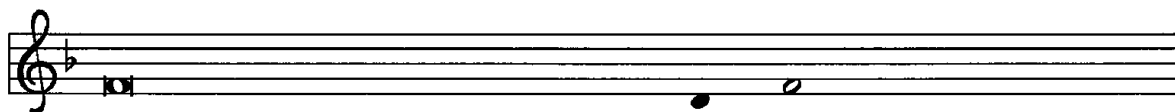
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



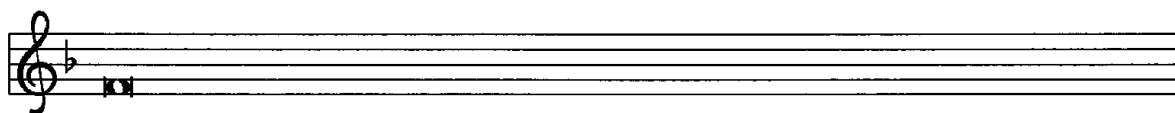
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



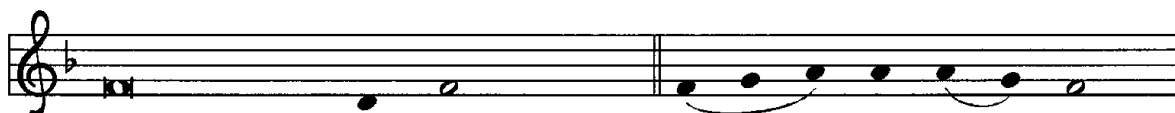
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



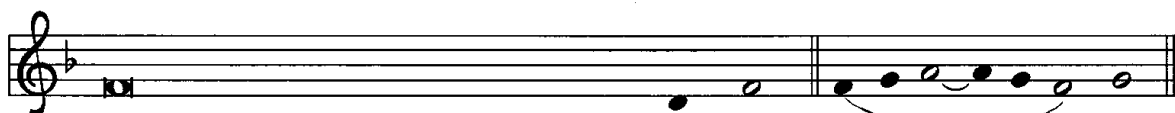
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# Hymn of Praise (*non-Communion weeks*)



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men


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# Hymn of Praise (*Communion weeks*)


*High Voices Sing Verses 1 and 3*

*Low Voices Sing Verses 2 and 4*


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, 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.

*Refrain*



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **2** Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **3** 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.



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al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



*Final refrain*

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## Prayer of the Day

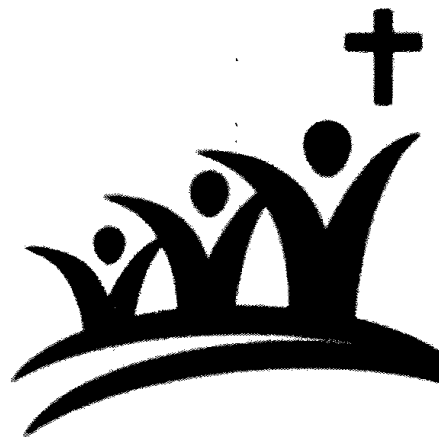
*The presiding minister gathers the congregation into prayer.*

Leader    The Lord be with you.

All        And also with you.

Leader    Let us pray...  
*(see "Celebrate" insert)*

All        Amen.



*The congregation is seated*



# WORD

**First Reading**      *(see "Celebrate" insert)*

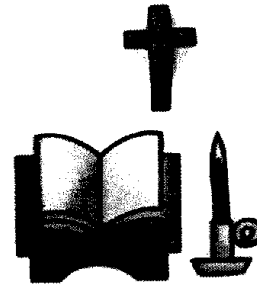
Reader     The word of the Lord.  
All         Thanks be to God!

**Psalm**                      *(see "Celebrate" insert)*

Read responsively

**Second Reading**      *(see "Celebrate" insert)*

Reader     The word of the Lord.  
All         Thanks be to God!



*Please stand if you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding notes.

# *gospel*

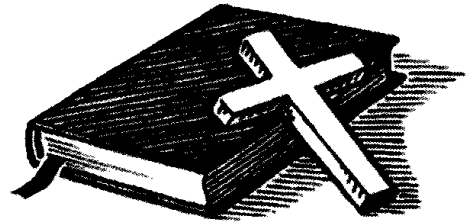
Leader The holy gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel Reading *(See Celebrate insert)*

Leader This is the gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.



*The congregation is seated.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*Please stand if you are able.*



## Hymn of the Day



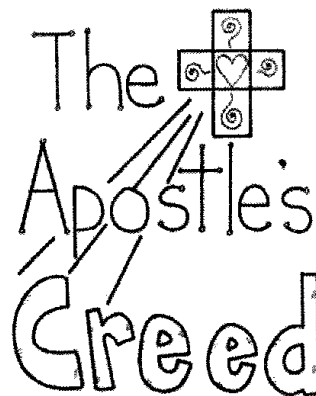
*God's word is further proclaimed as we sing and as we confess our faith with the whole church. After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace.*

**Leader** We express our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All** 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 Christian\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*or, "descended into hell."*

*\*\*or, catholic (universal)*



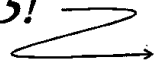
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**Non Communion Service Continues below...**



## Prayers of Intercession

*See Celebrate insert.*



## Sharing of the Peace

**Leader** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say:*

**Response** Peace be with you.

*The congregation is seated.*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered and the table is set. During this section of worship, we offer our gifts of time, self, and possessions to the glory of God, and we celebrate the sacrament of the eucharist, where Christ comes to meet us at the table.*

## Offertory Anthem



## Offertory Canticle

*As the gifts are brought forward, the congregation stands.*



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## Offertory Prayer

**A** Let us pray.

**All** O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us boldly pray:

All 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.

## SENDING

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*Go in peace!*

### Benediction

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ grant you peace.

All Amen.

### Sending Hymn

### Dismissal

Leader You are the body of Christ, raised up for the world!  
Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All Thanks be to God!

### Postlude

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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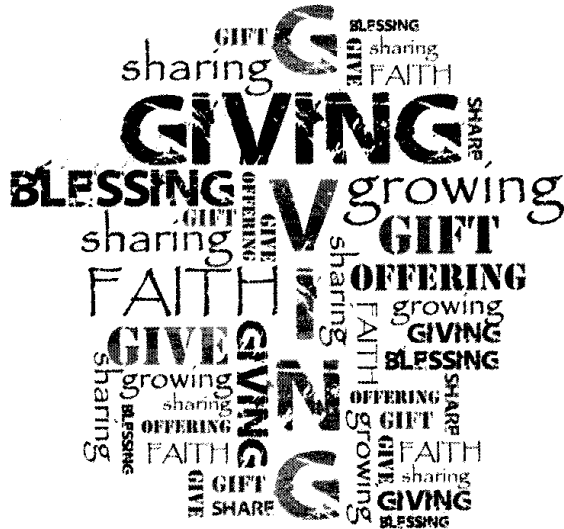
# The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.
 C And al - so with you.

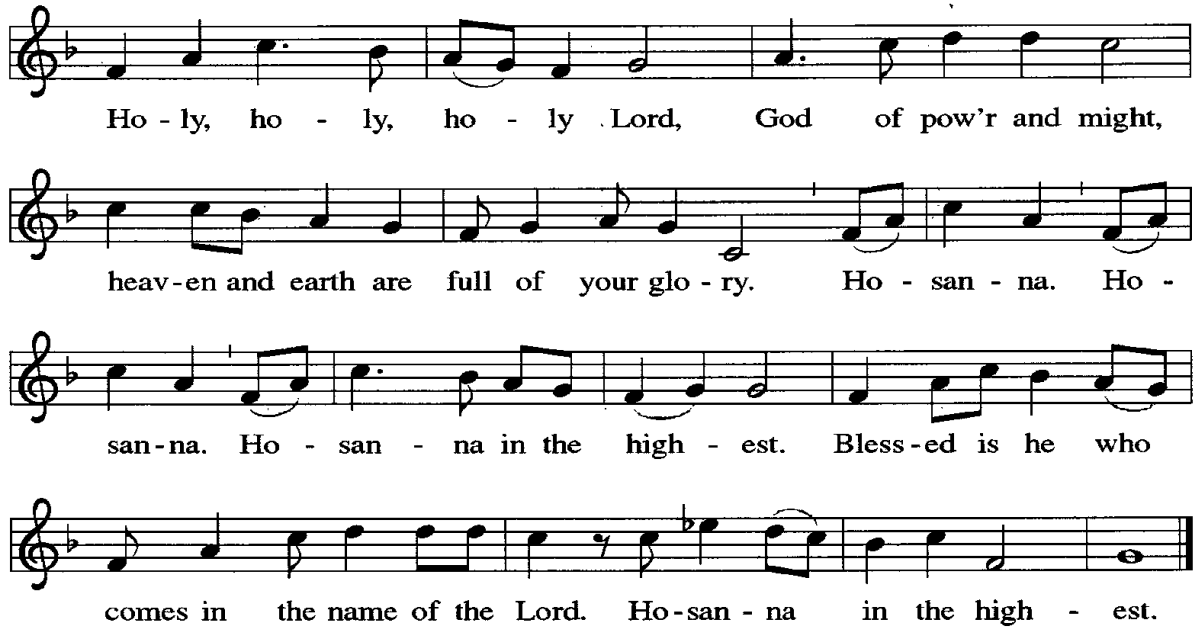
P Lift up your hearts.
 C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.



D It is indeed right and salutary, .... and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.



**Deacon**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We are gathered together to participate in the holy sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our reception of this blessed meal is made possible by our earlier celebration of Holy Communion at St. John's, when the bread and wine that we are about to receive, were consecrated by Pastor Koenig through word and prayer.

Listen again to the Good News:

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

After supper, he took the cup and gave thanks. Then he gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

In obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and with trust in all his promises, we now share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

**All**

**Amen.**



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hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
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and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

**Deacon** Come to the table where all are welcomed home.



## Lamb of God

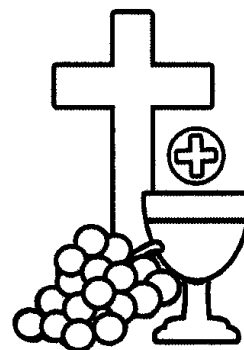
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*After the Eucharist has been shared by all, the congregation stands.*

## Table Blessing

**Deacon** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All** Amen.



## Post-Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer After Communion

A Let us pray.

God of all creation, all that you have made is good, and your love endures forever. Send your spirit with us now, that we may be united and transformed through the healing power of this gift of life, to serve you more fully by loving our neighbors more deeply. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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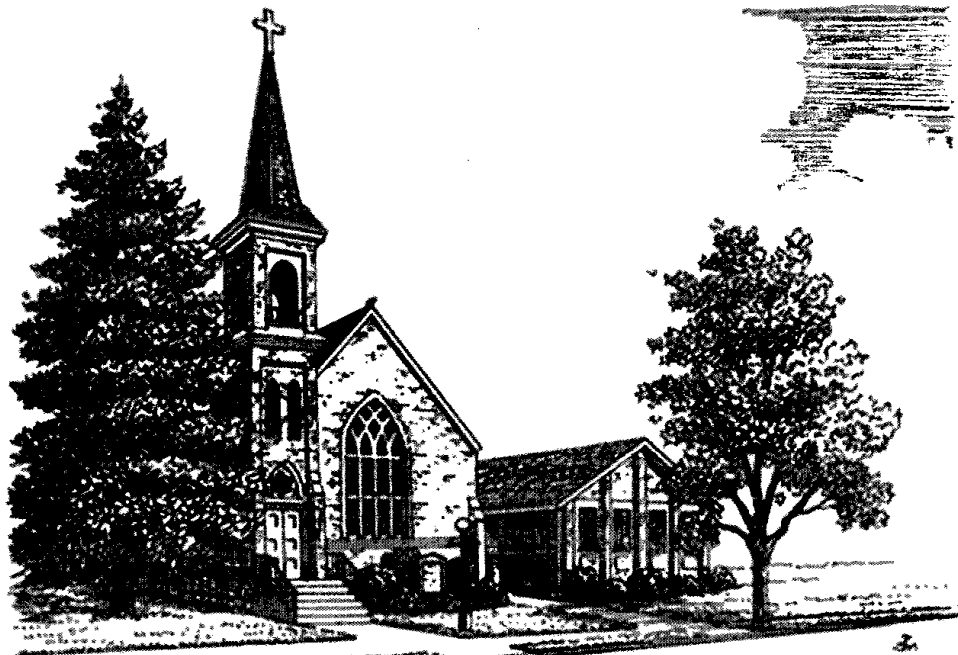
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Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

Sunday School 10:30 AM



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