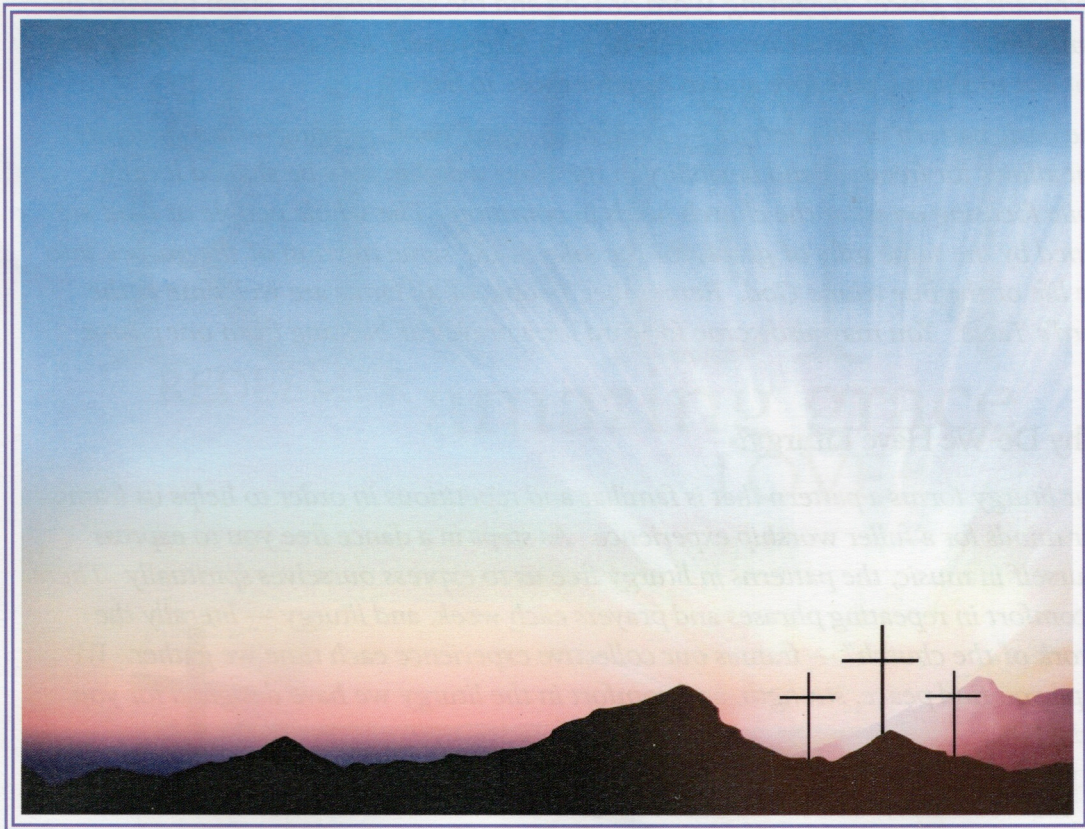


The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

Serving God through the ELCA in the Metropolitan New York Synod

Saugerties, NY



EASTER SUNDAY
April 5, 2026

Holy Communion

Pattern for Worship

In the principal service of Christian worship, the Holy Spirit gathers people around the means of grace: the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ meets us with forgiveness, life, and salvation, we are sent out to share God's love and to care for those in need.

The basic pattern of this service — gathering, word, meal, sending — is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God. Remember, people of all faiths are welcome at the Lord's Table. You may also come forward for a prayer of blessing from our pastor.

Why Do We Have Liturgy?

Our liturgy forms a pattern that is familiar and repetitious in order to help us frame our minds for a fuller worship experience. As steps in a dance free you to express yourself in music, the patterns in liturgy free us to express ourselves spiritually. There is comfort in repeating phrases and prayers each week, and liturgy — literally the “work of the church” — frames our collective experience each time we gather. We hope you find peace, strength, and comfort in the liturgy we have designed for you today!



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

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.

Processional Hymn *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* ELW 365

During the gathering, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the name of God, using a trinitarian greeting.

Greeting

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor 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.**

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister gathers the congregation into prayer.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor 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.

gospel

Pastor The holy gospel according to _____ in the _____ Chapter.

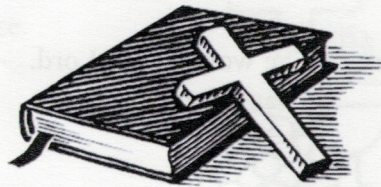
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading *(See Celebrate insert)*

Pastor 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 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound* ELW 367

*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.*

Pastor 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)

Prayers of Intercession

See Celebrate insert.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor 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.

Announcements



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.

Organ Offertory

As the gifts are brought forward, the congregation stands.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

We speak responsively

P The Lord be with you!

C And also with you!

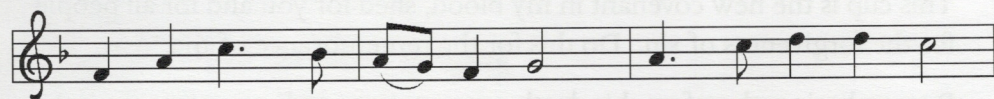
P Lift up your hearts!

C We lift them to the Lord!

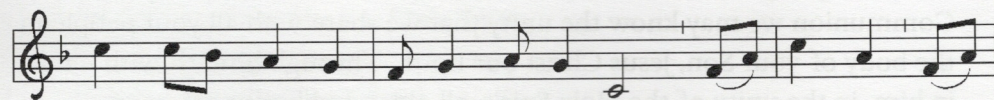
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C It is right to give our thanks and praise!

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



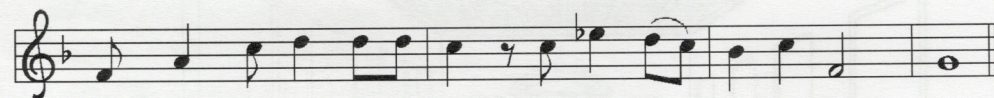
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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.



Pastor Blessed are you, almighty and ever-living God. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. We give you thanks that you have gathered us into one through your Son, Jesus Christ, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

All Amen! We give you thanks and praise, O Lord!

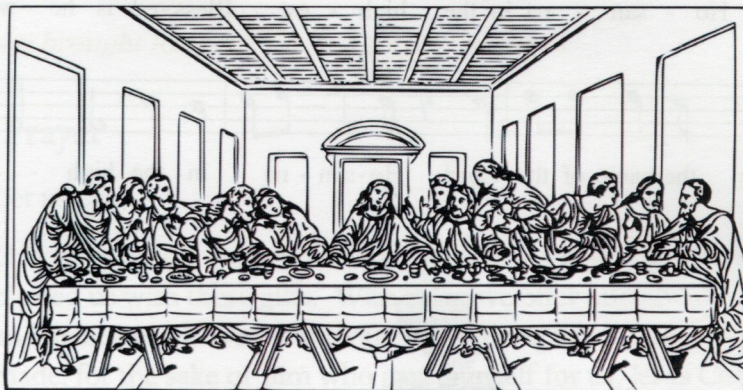
Pastor On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity that we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, † with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All Amen.



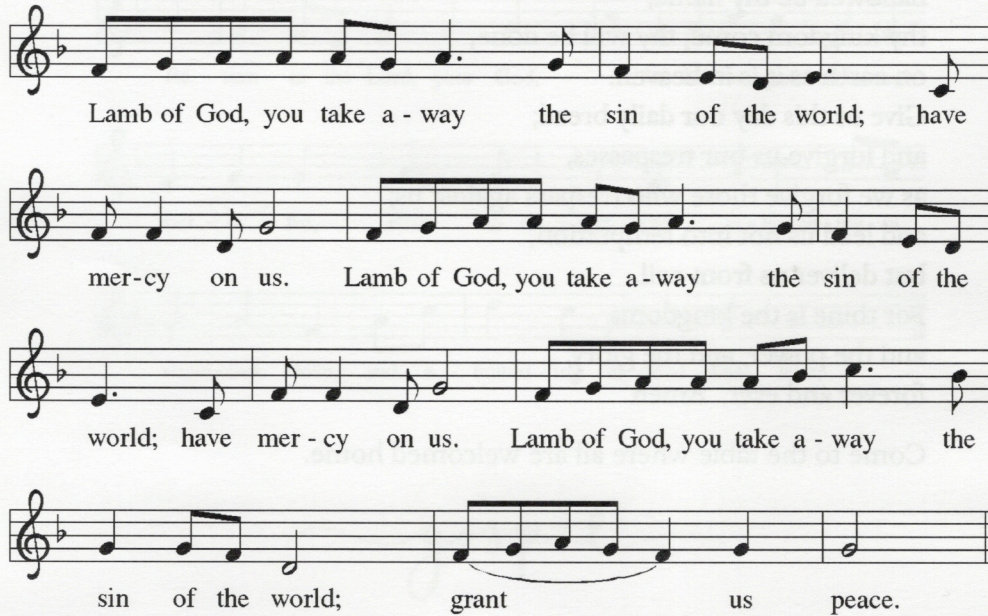
Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us boldly pray:

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

Pastor 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.

Communion Hymns

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!	ELW 377
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!	ELW 373
Thine Is the Glory	ELW 376

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

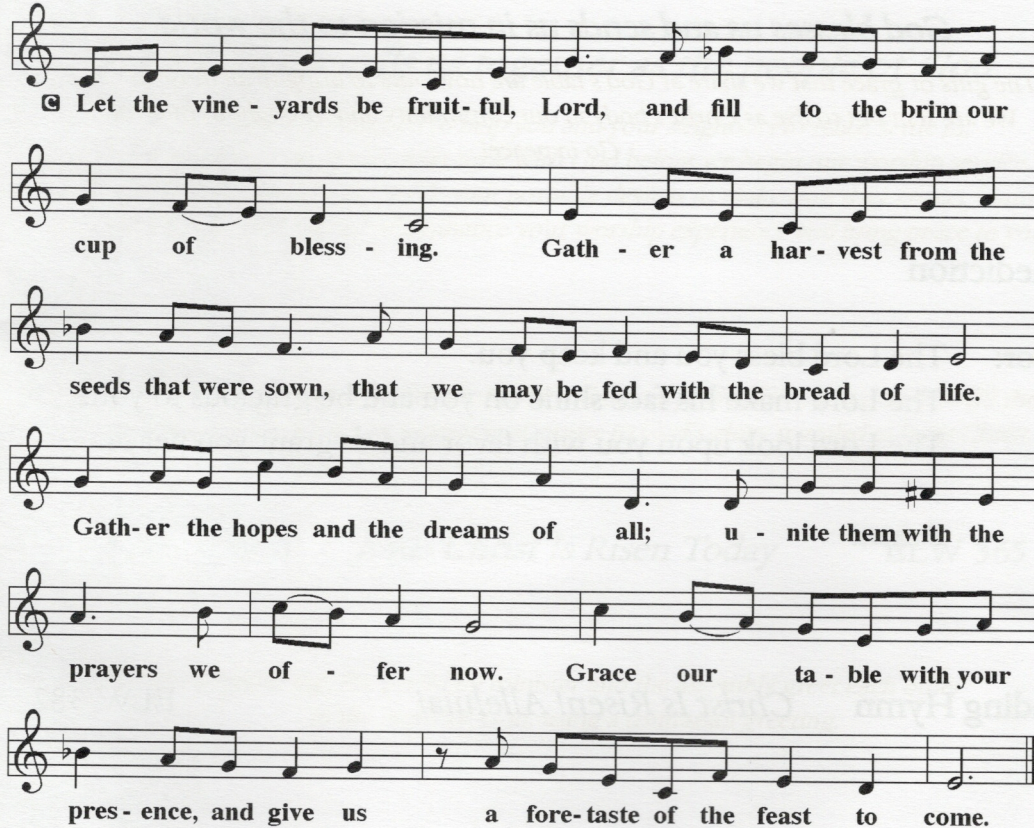
Table Blessing

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

All Amen.



Post-Communion Canticle



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.

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.

All Amen.

Christ sacrifice
life He is rejoice joy
Jesus hope crucifixion SAVIOR
REDEEMER amazing grace
LOVE mercy



Blessed Easter
To You All!



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