



**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church
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Introduction

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.

Prelude

**"All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Bradley Sowash
Agape Quintet**

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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting

Luke 24:32

P: Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

All: **Alleluia.**

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

All: **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

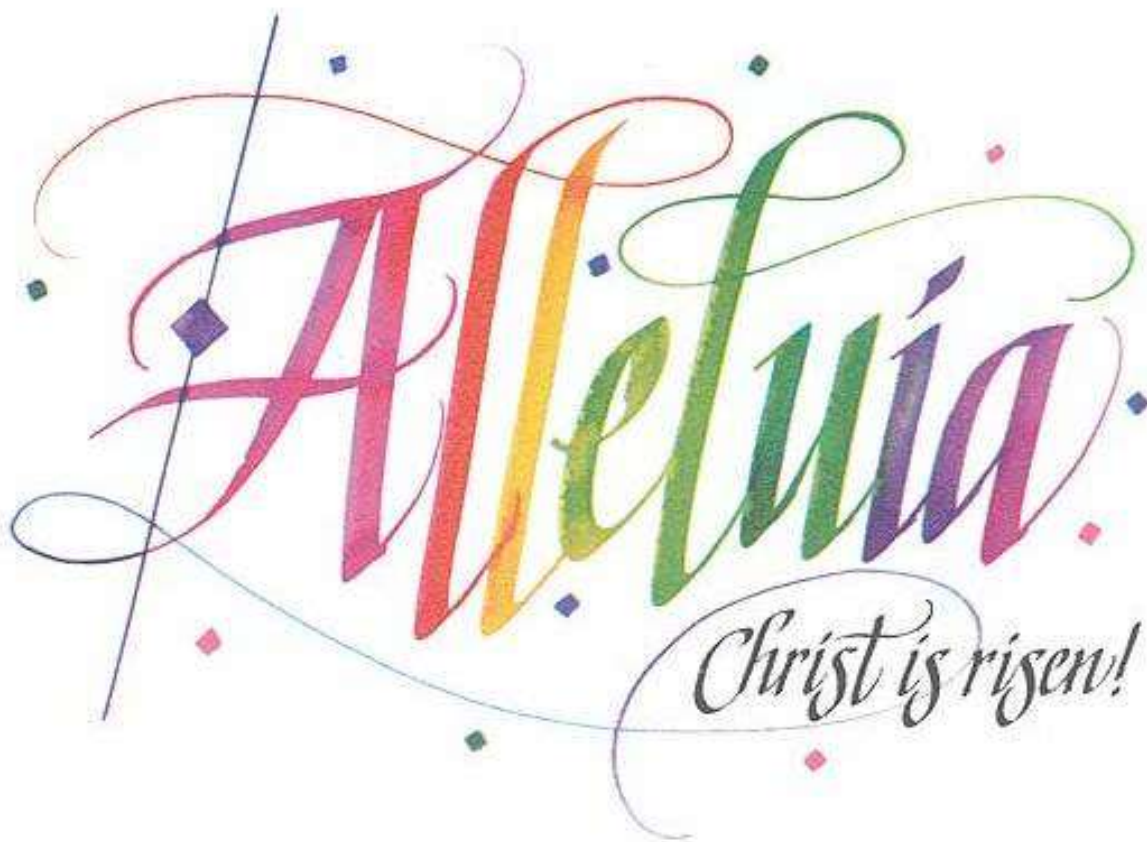
P: God, our rock and refuge,

All: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

All: Amen.

Please stand, if you like, for the Gathering Hymn



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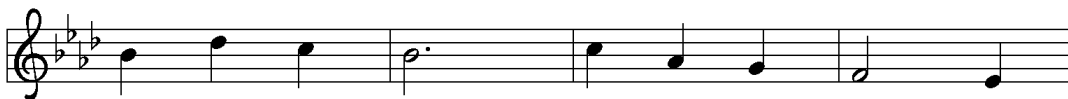
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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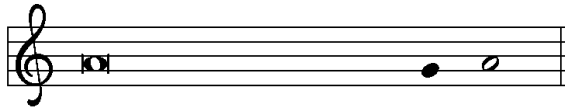
Greeting

P: 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.**

Please be seated.

Kyrie: ***Congregation responds to the leader by singing the bold text***



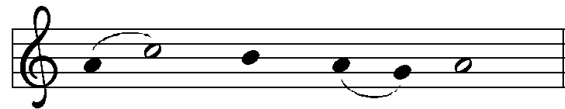
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



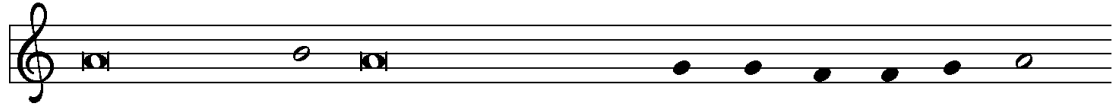
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



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

This is the Feast

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

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

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Special Music

“I Surrender All”

arr. Chuck Marohic

Agape Quintet

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WORD

First Reading:

Acts 3:12-19

Assisting Minister

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[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?"¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 4

Read responsively by whole verse

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

AM: ¹Answer 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.

All: ²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

AM: ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

All: ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

AM: ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

All: ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

AM: ⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

All: ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

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

AM: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you like, for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”


P: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.


Sermon Not by Our Own Understanding Jacob Summerville
Deacon Intern

Please stand, if you like, for the Hymn of the Day


Hymn of the Day “Day of Arising” WOV# 675
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 4 - Large print words found on page 21




1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Apostle's 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.

Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Intercession

AM: *Each prayer will end with: God of Grace,*

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Please stand, if you like, for the Sharing of the Peace

Sharing of the Peace

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

All: **And also, with you.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

Offering Music

"Now the Green Blades Rises" arr. David Miller

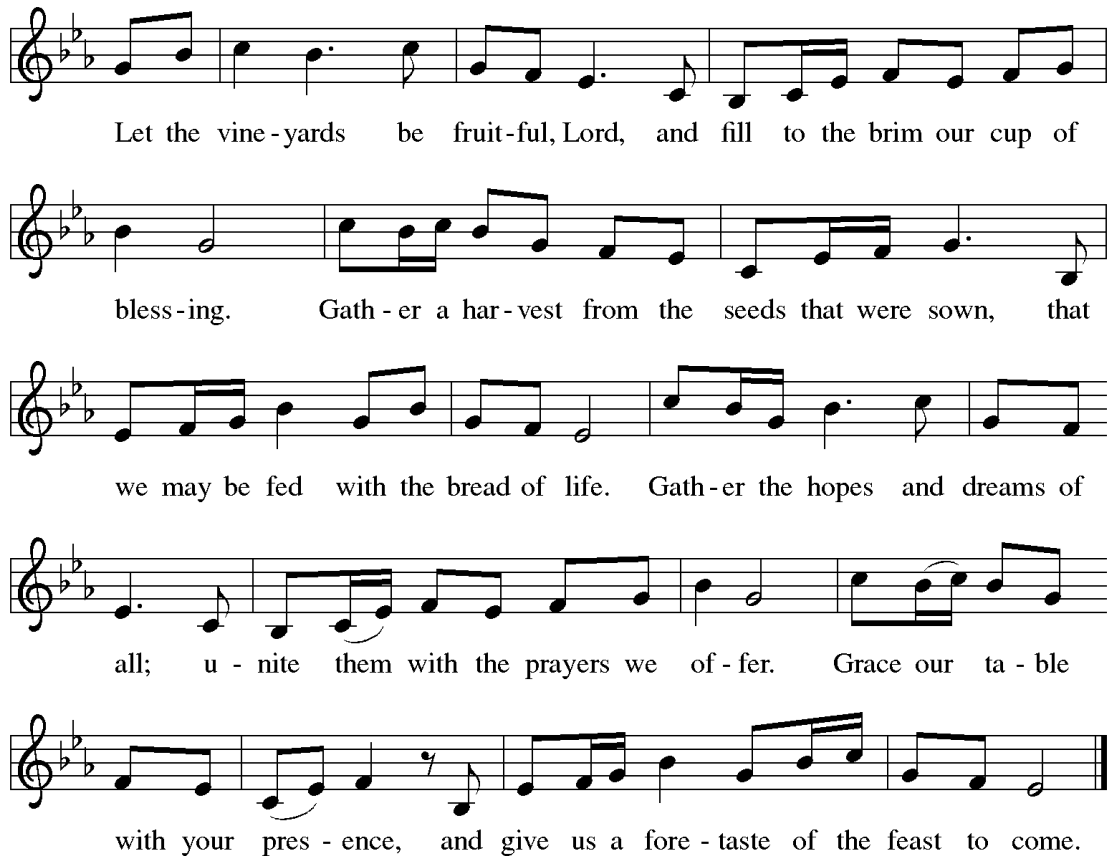
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Please stand, if you like, for the Offering Song

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

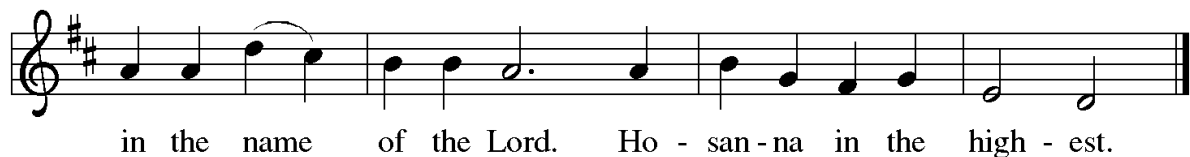
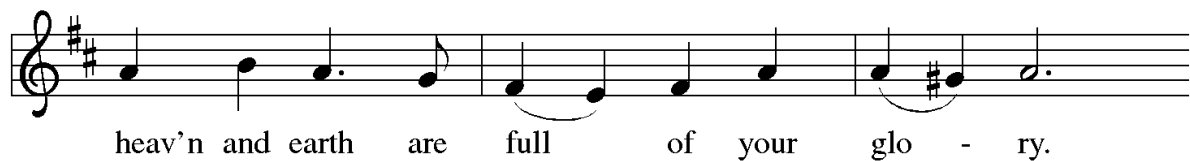
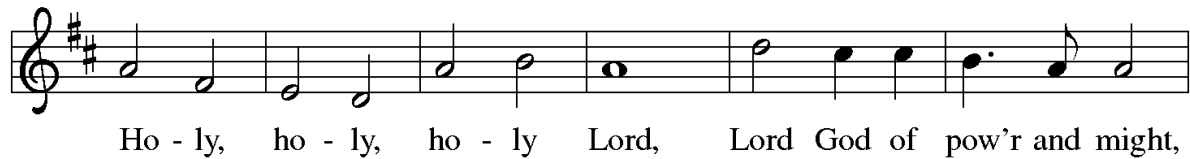
P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

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

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

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, grant us peace.

Communion

As Pastor Mitch comes down to serve communion you may come forward. Please form a single line to receive the bread from him. Once you receive the bread, you may go to the communion assistant on the side closest to where you were seated to receive the wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know, and we will bring communion to you. Please feel free to say "Amen" after you receive each element if you wish.

Communion Anthem

**"Redeemed"
Agape**

**arr. David Winkler and
Ed Hogan**

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Table Blessing

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

ALL: Amen

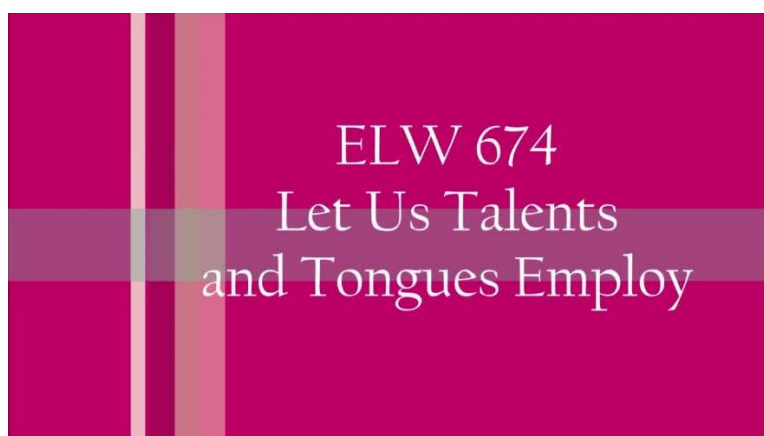
Prayer after Communion

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

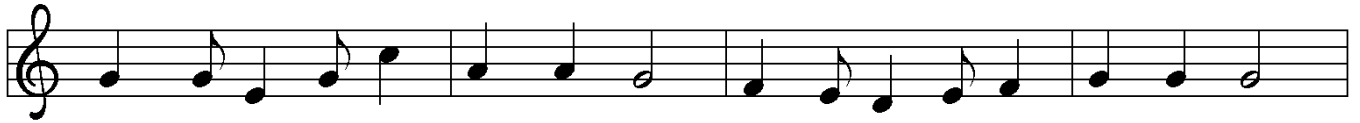
All: Amen.

SENDING

Please stand, if you like, for the Sending Hymn.



Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

arr. Bradley Sowash

Agape

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Orval Osmundson and
Jacob Summerville, Deacon Intern

Music: Agape Quintet

Assisting Minister: Diane Allmendinger and Pam Wiehe

Communion Assistants: Jacob Summerville and Carol Hansen

Ushers: David Almquist and Wayne Hansen

Hospitality: Kathy Brackey

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic or Jim Persoon

Please pray for: Dean Anderson, Sven Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Carol Brockway, Linda Brockway, Carolyn Brusseau, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, Sarah Jansen, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Marilyn and Gene Linderkamp, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Marnie Rose, Betty Swanson, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom

Cash for Cans – Noisy Coin Collection will be Sunday, April 21st Reminder – Bring your loose change and make some noise! Also, you can bring your aluminum cans anytime and place them inside the front door on the right-hand side.

Arlington Hills Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Dakota people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. As we consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that have brought us to the current day, we commit to understanding, respecting, supporting, and advocating for Indigenous People and for this land.

April Birthdays

John Harold Ibach	April 15
Alyssa Ebert	April 15
Gary Clark	April 19
Cindie Peterson	April 20
Florence Rasmusson	April 24
Becky Ann Grace	April 24
Patrick Daley	April 28

April Anniversaries

Marion & Sven Anderson	– April 10
Amy & Mark Adams-Westin	– April 22
Patricia & Tom Schaber	– April 26
John & Stephanie Burgess	– April 28
Gary & Debra Gray	– April 28
Vicki & Dave O'Connor	– April 29
Julie & Richard Anderson	– April 30

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday	April 14	9:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary Music: Agape Quintet
Monday	April 15	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe Volunteers
		10-Noon	Alley Shoppe Donations
		11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		1:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Reception Room
Tuesday	April 16	9:00 a.m.	Alley Shoppe – Volunteers – Devotions
		9:30 -1:00	Alley Shoppe – Clients
		6:30 p.m.	Congregation Council Meeting
Wednesday	April 17	7:30 a.m.	Romeo's Breakfast
		5:00 p.m.	HOP Conference
Thursday	April 18	12:00 p.m.	Office Closes
		5:00 p.m.	HOP Conference
Friday	April 19	All Day	Office Closed
		All Day	HOP Conference
Saturday	April 20	All Day	Office Closed
		All Day	HOP Conference

Happy Easter from the Agape Quintet. It is our joy to be back at Arlington Hills to celebrate worship together.

The Agape Quintet- John Egnell-Trumpet and flugelhorn, David Miller-keyboard, Steve Truran-bass, Ben Anderson-drums, Chuck Linderkamp-woodwinds, voice, guitar

Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

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*

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*

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Verses 1, 2, 3 and 4

- 1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

- 2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

- 3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

- 4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.

Sending Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW# 674
Verses 1, 2, and 3

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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Daily Scripture Readings this week.

April 14 Psalm 34:8	O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
April 15 Ecclesiastes 3:12	I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live.
April 16 Job 1:20-21	Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshipped. He said, 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.'
April 17 Proverbs 16:8	Better is a little with righteousness than large income with injustice.
April 18 Romans 12:2	Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.
April 19 2 Corinthians 12:10	Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.
April 20 Nehemiah 8:10	Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

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