

St. Luke Lutheran Church

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Easter 7/Ascension

May 23/24 2020

St. Luke RADIANT (e-worship)



***“...as they were watching, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.”***

– Acts 1:9b

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HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to St. Luke Radiant on this 7th Week of Easter/Ascension Sunday. Today we will again celebrate “Lutheran Household Communion.” Although we are showing our love for neighbor by not yet gathering physically, we nevertheless are able to receive the sacrament physically and fully, each in our own household. As Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism:

“These words, (“given for you” and “shed for you for the forgiveness of sin”) when accompanied by the physical eating and drinking, are the essential thing in the sacrament, and whoever believes these very words has what they declare and state, namely, “forgiveness of sin.”

By hearing these words of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken during our worship service, and by physically receiving ordinary bread and ordinary wine (or grape juice) in our own households, we believe the Holy Spirit unites those whom physical distance and health concerns must separate, and Jesus Christ again humbles himself to become fully present to each of us, and all of us together.

Before this worship starts, each household is encouraged to:

1. Light a candle (be your own acolyte!) Or – light a lamp.
2. Open your Bible (a Bible app on your phone is fine) and find today’s readings.
3. Prepare a place at a table (coffee table or desk is fine) Do you have a flower you can put in a vase? A cross? Liturgical decorations for the Season of Easter?*

**(send us a snapshot of you and your “sanctuary space” and we’d love to place it in the June Horizon Newsletter!)*

4. **For the Sacrament of Holy Communion:**

Prepare a plate with one slice, piece, or loaf of bread to be broken and shared, and enough cups of wine (red, rose or white are all fine) or grape juice for each participant. Cover everything with a clean cloth or napkin.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johann Walther

Gathering

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Call to Worship

In the beginning before time, before people, before the world was,

God was.

Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the peoples of the earth for the purposes of heaven.

God is.

In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment,

God will be.

Not denying the world, but delighting in it.

Not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God was,

God is,

God will be!

Hymn ELW 650

In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 68: 32-35

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Let Us Rejoice
Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!_____

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!_____

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Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Riding the Clouds

Pastor Christa

Hymn of the Day ELW 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise verses 1,2 and 4



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

The Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Prayer Hymn W&P 27

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares up - on You. _____ I lay all of my
bur - dens down at Your feet. And an - y - time ___ that I don't know
what ___ to do, I will cast all my cares up - on You. _____

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Words and Music by
Kelly Willard

- response after each petition: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- response after the final petition: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Within a household, we greet one another with a sign of God's peace and remember our siblings scattered across Albuquerque and throughout the world

Offering

We are invited to joyfully give our tithes and offerings to join in God's unceasing mission through the Church. We may send gifts directly to St. Luke via mail or contribute via our online giving resources on our church website <http://stlukeabq.org/>.

*Our St. Luke "bucket of change" offerings for May will go to **ABQ Healthcare for the Homeless**. Even now – especially now, we share with those in need in our Albuquerque neighborhoods.*

Offertory Hymn ELW 206

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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Offering Prayer

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

LUTHERAN HOUSEHOLD COMMUNION



HOLY COMMUNION

*Each household uncovers the wine and bread prepared earlier.
All participants join in the parts printed in **bold**.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Gathered in Christ's name in our households, we pray our many tables would become your One Holy Table, O LORD. With the beloved St. Luke family throughout this city, with Lutheran and other Christian households throughout the world, together *also* with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise your name O God, and join in one unending hymn:

Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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This Easter season, we remember with thanksgiving that, “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, Jesus 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.’”

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in households throughout this city, and throughout the world, are here also given for us. Remembering Christ’s love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of God’s Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among God’s people throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet. Behold the risen Christ. **Amen.**

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.**

The Distribution of Communion

Please distribute the bread and the wine in each household, saying to each person:

The body of Christ, given for you, the blood of Christ, shed for you.



Communion Music

Bread for the World

Richard Shephard

Pauleta Hendrickson, Mezzo Soprano

Agustin Arredondo, Baritone

Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing (Benediction)

-response after the prayer: Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW 643

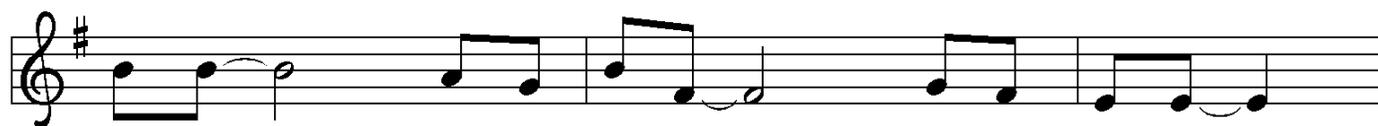
We Are All One in Christ



So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos
 We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one



u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos
 peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one



u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.
 bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.



Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la
 There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one



fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -
 faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one



pí - ri - tu, y_e - se es el con - so - la - dor.
 Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

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DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Ein fest Burg is unser Gott
Johann Walther

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