

# Welcome to online worship! english lutheran

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Ascension of Our Lord

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## Pastoral Staff

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**Ministers: All Baptized Members**

## Today's Worship Leaders

Production Leader: Jarod Griswold

Musicians: Trevor DuPey, Mike James, Vocal Choir

Worship Assistants: Nathan Brudos, Ellie Bemis, Vicki Hatleli, Maddie Sweeney, Mike Schnitzius, Beth Twiton, Karen Guptill, Susan Johnson, Pam Strittmater, Carol Robertson

## GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Thanksgiving Holy Baptism

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

**Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism ... your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized ... of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn ELW #855 | Crown Him with Many Crowns (end of bulletin)

vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 – congregation; vs. 3 - choir only

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Special Music | Cantate Domino | Vocal Choir

## WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Mark Kvale

## Lesson | Acts 1:1-11

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the Lord Most High is to be feared:**

**a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheritance for us,**

**the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to God, sing praises;**

**sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns over the nations;**

**God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Lesson | Ephesians 1:15-23

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia, Sing It, Alleluia | Vocal Choir

## Gospel | Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke... **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon | Pastor Mark Kvale

Hymn of the Day ELW #579 | You Give the Great Commission (end of bulletin)

## Apostles' 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.**

### Prayers of Intercession

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands ... through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

### Peace

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

## MEAL

Offering | Special Music, Isaac Gabriel | An Eagle's View

### Offering Prayer

**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. Amen.**

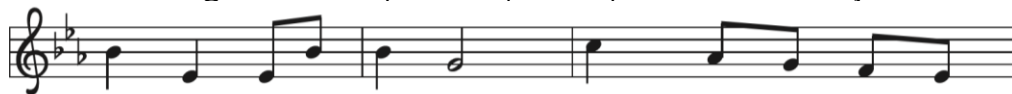
### Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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



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



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

*During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. 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.*

## Lord's Prayer

D G C/A G/B C G D C D  
Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy  
G C/A G/B C G D C G Em  
king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this  
Bm Em Bm G D G Am  
day our daily - bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give  
D G Em D C D G C/A  
those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not  
G/B C G D C D G  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the  
C/A G/B C G D C G  
king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.  
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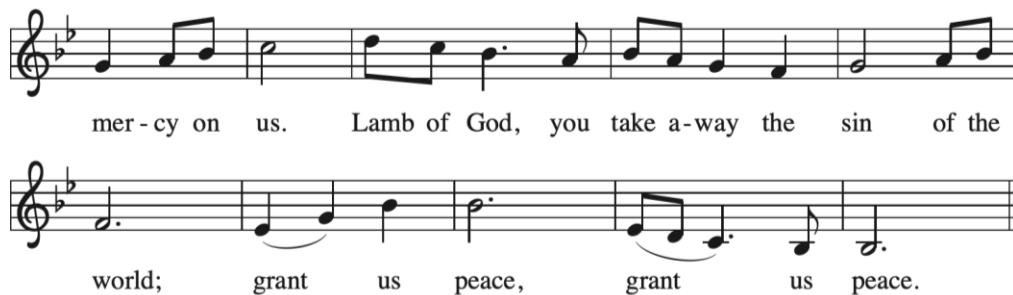
## Invitation & Distribution of Communion

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

**This is the body of Christ, given for you. This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.**

## 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



Communion Hymns (last pages of bulletin)

ACS #955 Water of Life | ACS #956 Born, Reborn | ACS #957 Take Me to the Water

Blessing

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

**Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

**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. Amen.**

## SENDING

Announcements

Prayer for End of the School Year

Benediction/Blessing | An Irish Blessing | Vocal Choir

Sending Song ELW #434 | Jesus Shall Reign (last pages of bulletin)

Dismissal & Postlude

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God.**

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**WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION.** Lutherans believe that Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, is truly present in the Lord's Supper and that in this meal of the baptized children of God our Lord gives forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. All who seek the mercy and grace of God in this Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus are welcome to the Lord's Table.

**WORSHIP SERVICES** | Saturdays at 5:00pm, and Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45am.

**STAFFED NURSERY** | Available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

**EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES** | School year at 9:45am on Sundays, throughout the week for all ages.



**GIVE ONLINE** | Visit [englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving](https://englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving), use the QR code, download the Vanco Mobile Faith app, or text an amount (no decimal point or dollar sign) to 855.929.1663.

**HUNGRY Jar** offerings in May are designated by our PreK/Kindergarten class for Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services, La Crosse. Their mission is to empower youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to make them health, productive, substance free, and responsible leaders of tomorrow. They will develop problem solving, communication, academic, and basic life skills. They will recapture, maintain and preserve the Hocąk Language and culture for future generations.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** In Christ, we welcome, worship and work in the world.

**OUR WELCOME STATEMENT:** The faith community of English Lutheran Church is rooted in Christ and committed to living life generously.

We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

*Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.*

## Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, ss. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

# 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:

*Refrain*



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

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# Come to the Water of Life



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for  
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for  
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for  
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,  
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,  
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,  
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,




come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943  
 Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever  
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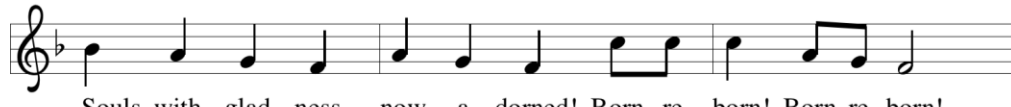


# Born, Reborn


*Refrain*



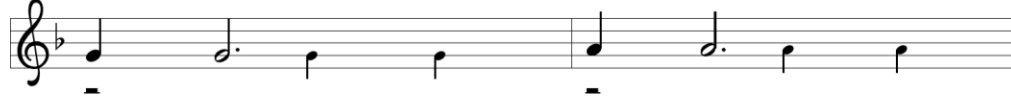
Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!




Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!



Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!



1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.  
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.



*Refrain*

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!  
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

Text: Justin Rimbo, b. 1980  
 Music: BORN, REBORN, Justin Rimbo  
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# Take Me to the Water



1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,  
 2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,  
 3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,  
 4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
 I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.  
 he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.  
 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual

# Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793