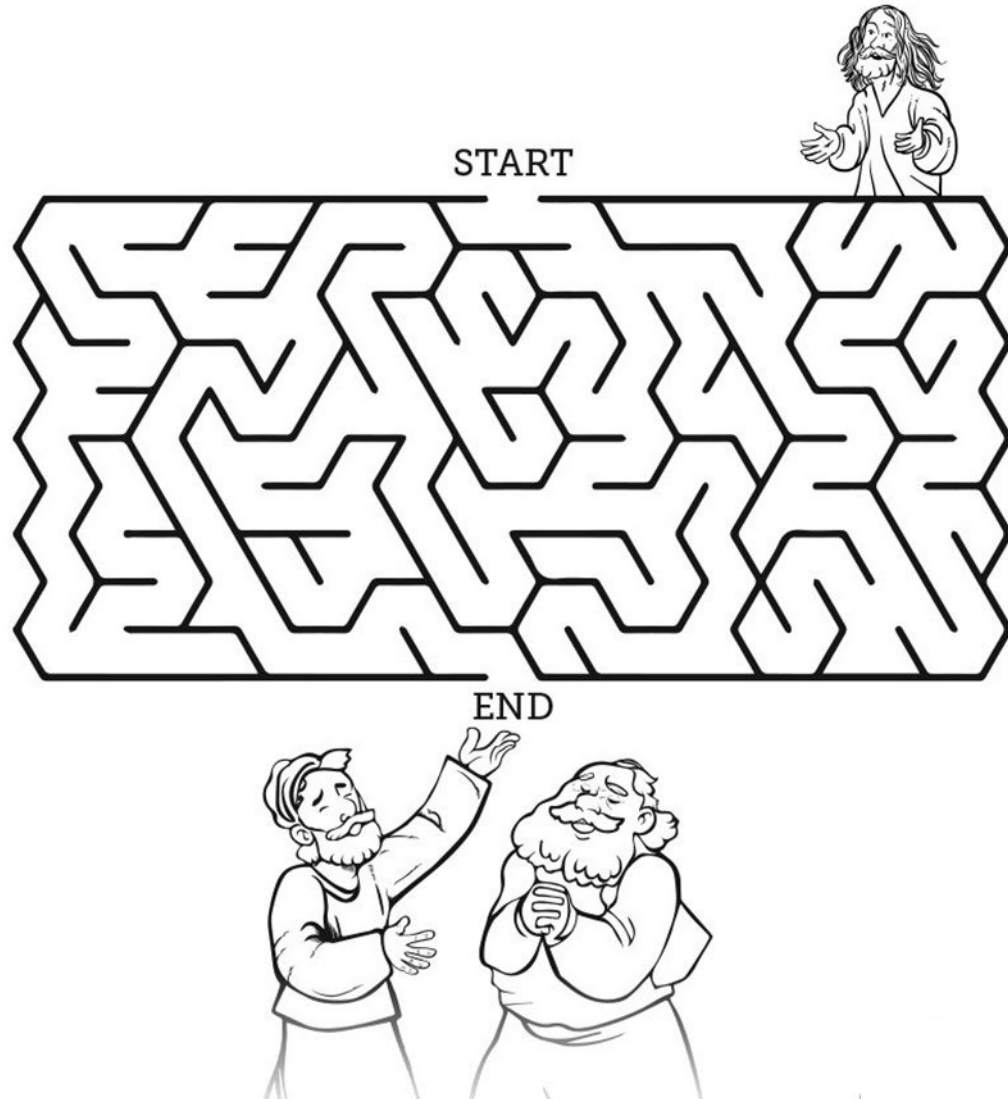
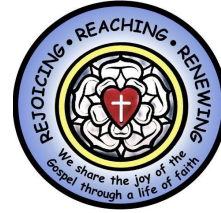


THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Lead Jesus to his disciples who are traveling.



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April 14, 2024 ✝ The Third Sunday of Easter

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.

✝ GATHERING ✝

Prelude

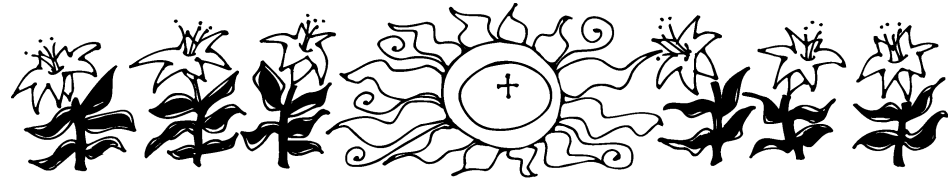
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





Third Sunday Of Easter

Confession & Forgiveness

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

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.
**We were baptized so that we might have a new life,
as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

Let us therefore turn to God in true repentance,
that our sins might be wiped out.

(Silence for confession and self-examination.)

Almighty and all-merciful God,

**We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.
We have offended your majesty and defied your divinity;
we have brought death and darkness where you once said,
“Let there be light.” We deserve the doom that you have decreed.
We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.**

But Christ is risen.

Risen indeed!

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,
**we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
For his sake we implore you, O God, forgive our sins,
and free us from their dire consequences.
Let us be raised with Christ.**

“Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer
and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that
repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name.”
That word is now proclaimed to you.

We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Baptism Word Search

- Alive in Christ
- Baby Boy
- Bible
- Blessed
- Creed
- Easter
- Faith
- Family
- Font
- Gift
- Child of God
- God
- Godfather
- Godmother
- Grace
- Grandparents
- Happy
- Heart
- Holy Baptism
- Holy Communion
- Holy Spirit
- Hope
- Oil
- Jesus Loves You
- Joy
- Lord
- Loved
- New Life
- Parents
- Pray
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- Sacred
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LeAnn Lindgren

The Sacrament of
BAPTISM

*TODAY we celebrate
the gift of God's grace as
Noah Topher Lindgren
is baptized in the name of
the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*Noah was born on
Friday, November 3, 2023
at 3:17pm.
He weighed 6lbs., 1 oz.
and was 19" long.*

*Loving Parents:
Christopher Lindgren
Kathryn Whelan*

*Godparents:
Krystal Collins
DJ Heiderman*

*Grandparents:
Jeff & LeAnn Lindgren*

*May God continue
to bless them all with His
abundant love and grace.*



Gathering Song

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

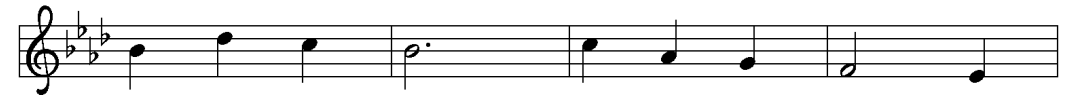
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



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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Opening Litany

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples
what your prophets had predicted
about your life, death, and resurrection.

Open our minds to understand your scriptures.

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples
that by your death you paid the price for all our sins.

Open our minds to understand the depth of your forgiveness.

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples
that you came to give them life and life in abundance.

Open our minds to understand the greatness of your grace.

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples
that you came to save all nations.

Open our minds to understand the grand plan of your salvation.

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples
that you perfectly followed the will of your Father.

Open our minds to understand the Father's will for our lives.

Living Lord, you revealed to your disciples
that they had been given the mission to spread the Good News.

**Open our minds to understand that we, too,
have been given the power to proclaim your name.**

Living Lord, as we grow in our understanding of you day by day,
continue to be revealed in us, we pray. Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

The Easter joy of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
the expansive love of God the Father,
and the unique peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Alleluia!

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Benediction

The blessing of the living God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
Surround and sustain you, keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674

Dismissal



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!



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

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Table Blessing



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

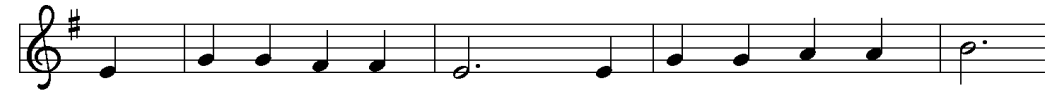
Shepherding God,

**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.**

Kyrie

ELW setting 10



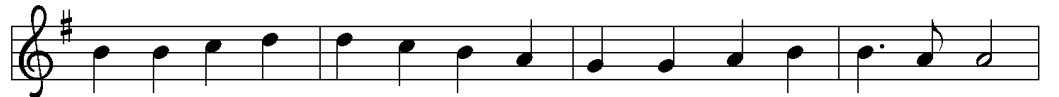
- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

ELW setting 10



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

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. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

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.

A reading from Acts:

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."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

Let us read Psalm 4 responsively.

*The Body of Christ given for you. Amen.
The Blood of Christ shed for you. Amen.*

Distribution Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* #522
Distribution Hymn *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* #366



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

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Touch all who are yet to see the salvation you bring through your Son;
 touch any who are stumbling and tentative in their faith;
 touch those who are disbelieving and still wondering.
 Touch your whole church and make us one in you,
 that your scars may again proclaim your glory, and we may be united
 with your saints in the coming of your kingdom, ever one God,
 on earth as in heaven Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...
**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.**

**Agnus Dei
 Distribution**

Lamb of God

ELW setting 10

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

¹ Answer 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.

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

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

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

⁵ Offer the appointed sacrifices,
 and put your trust in the Lord.

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

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

⁸ **In 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.

A reading from First John:

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

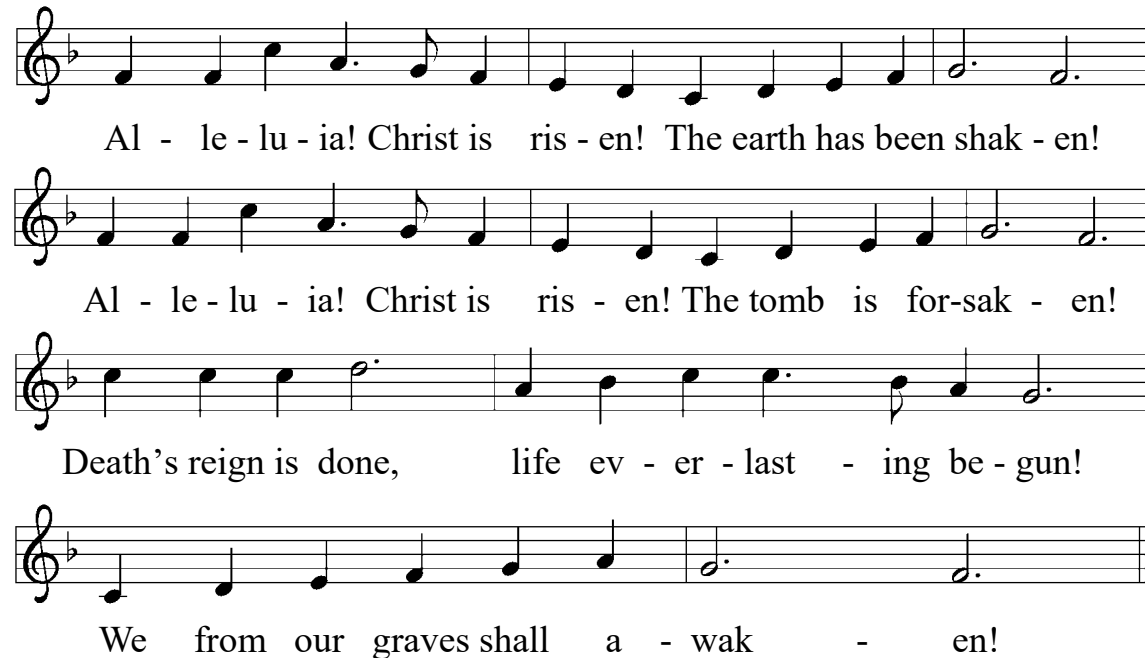
⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

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

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

(Tune: #858)



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The earth has been shak - en!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! The tomb is for-sak - en!
Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun!
We from our graves shall a - wak - en!

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Holy Gospel

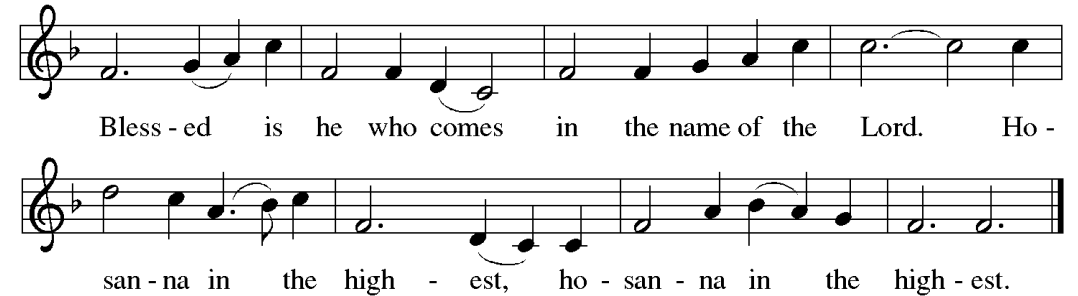
Luke 24:36b-48

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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Risen Lord!

^{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



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Re-creating God,

when your Son came to restore your purpose for the earth,

he took the fruit of your abundance and the food of human labor.

Come among us now, and make us holy

in the sharing of your gracious abundance and our faltering endeavor.

Take these gifts of bread and wine and make them for us

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them saying,

*“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
do this in remembrance of me.”*

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

*“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Ever-creating God,

your Son Jesus invited his disciples to touch his risen body.

Come now in the power of the Holy Spirit,

and touch all that is still to be resurrected.

Touch all who live in fear; touch any who know daily hunger;

touch those who carry wounds and scars.

✠ MEAL ✠

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.



Proper Preface

Creator God, you made the wonder that is earth,
inscribing soil, sky, and sea with life, energy, and glory.
Though we look upon you with eyes dimmed by the Fall,
you gaze upon us with eyes filled with grace.
You breathe new air into our choking lungs,
you bring life out of toxic soil,
you turn polluted seas into the water of baptism.
You parted the waters to liberate your captive people,
and you rolled away the stone
to bring us face to face with your resurrected Son.
You make us your Son's body, taken, blessed, and broken on the cross
to be shared for the life of your world.
And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels, and
all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW setting 10

Musical notation for the Sanctus. The first line of music is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Risen Christ.

Gospel Response

(Tune: #858)

Musical notation for the Gospel Response. The first line of music is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: Christ is a - ris - en, dis - pel-ling our doubts and our fear - ing . "My peace be with you," he speaks; we re-joice at the hear - ing. Death's reign is done, life ev - er - last - ing be - gun! Marked by his bles - sed ap - pear - ing!

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**Children's Time
Sermon**

✠ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Baptismal Hymn *Baptized in Water* #456



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

In Baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death
 by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 We are born children of a fallen humanity;
 by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God
 and made members of the church, the body of Christ.
 Living with Christ and in the communion of saints,
 we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ
 and into the mission we share:
 join us in giving thanks and praise to God
 and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Jesus Loves You #595

*Jesus loves YOU this we know for the Bible tells us so.
 Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves YOU. Yes, Jesus loves You.
 Yes, Jesus loves YOU, the Bible tells us so.*

Peace

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
 And also with you.

✠ OFFERING ✠

Offering Response *Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful* #184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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.

At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free
from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.
Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word,
that those who are washed in the waters of baptism
may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Noah Topher Lindgren is baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. Noah Topher, you belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleansing them from sin and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain **Noah Topher** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Noah Topher, child of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Council Rep.: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Parents & Godparents:

We present **Noah Topher Lindgren** for Holy Baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the Holy Supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the Holy Scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Godparents, do you promise to nurture **Noah Topher Lindgren**
in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit
and to help him live in the covenant of baptism
and in communion with the church?

Godparents: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support **Noah Topher Lindgren**
and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Prayers of the People

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers.
As we share the holy meal
that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us,
lead us to share all that we have,
and find, in generosity, abundant life.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth.
Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate,
that this planet would sustain life in all its variety.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A O God our savior,
you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge.
Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions

grounded in your justice and care for all people.

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

P O God our elder, you care for all your children.

Encourage those who are in times of transition,
facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change.
Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty, *especially...*
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A O God our center, you bring all people together in you.

Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry.
Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to share in beloved community.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.

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

A O God our resting place,

your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever.
We remember our beloved who have died.
As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God,

we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love;
through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word

you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family,
and through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.