



Celebration Lutheran Church

May 13, 2018
8am

Our worship theme for the season of Easter focuses on how we find our place in this resurrected life to which God is calling us. It is not always in complete faith that we move forward. We doubt, we disbelieve. But God calls us to our place nonetheless -- and welcomes us.

Easter 7

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

- PRELUDE **Draw Us to You** arr. M. Burkhard
- WELCOME *We greet one another in the name of God.*
- GATHERING SONG **God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind** (ELW#400)
- GREETING &
PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

- READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
 After the reading:
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION *We stand to welcome the gospel.*

GOSPEL READING John 17:6-19
The gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading:
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

OUR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD IN ACTION, PRAYER, AND PEACE.

WORD SONG **The Church of Christ, in Every Age** (ELW#729)

BLESSING OF MOTHERS

PRAYER UPDATES

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *The Lay Assistant will offer a "bid" to direct your prayer, followed by a time of silence. You are free to pray as you will.*

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.
You are invited to share a word and/or gesture of Christ's peace with your worshiping neighbor. "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and other words are appropriate. Hand shakes, hugs, and the kiss of peace is also appropriate.

As you share the peace, please circle around the altar. Bring your tithes, offerings and financial covenants forward.

THE MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *The Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer. All who are seeking Jesus as their Savior and are in need of God's grace and forgiveness are welcome to the Table. We commune by intinction: receive the bread (or gluten free wafer) and when the cup comes to you, dip your bread into the cup.*

BLESSING *After all have communed, the pastor blesses and dismisses the assembly.*

PRAYER *We give thanks for God's presence and ask for God to send us as witnesses into the world.*

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Opportunities for deepening discipleship are shared.*

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus** (ELW#392)

STOW *We "stow" God's Word in our heart for the week.*
For no matter how significant you are,
it is only because of what we are a part of.
An enormous eye or a gigantic hand wouldn't be a body, but a monster.
What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place.
No part is important on its own.
1Cor 12:19-20

DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE **Son of God, Eternal Savior** arr. M. Burkhardt

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TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Altar Care: Lynne Naylor
Greeter: Larry Naylor
Lay Assistant: Ken Coryell
Reader: Beth Singer
Usher: Dennis Betts