



Celebration Lutheran Church

May 6, 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 6

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE **My Jesus I Love Thee** arr. C. Tornquist

WELCOME *We greet one another in the name of God.*

GATHERING SONG **Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness** (ELW#843)

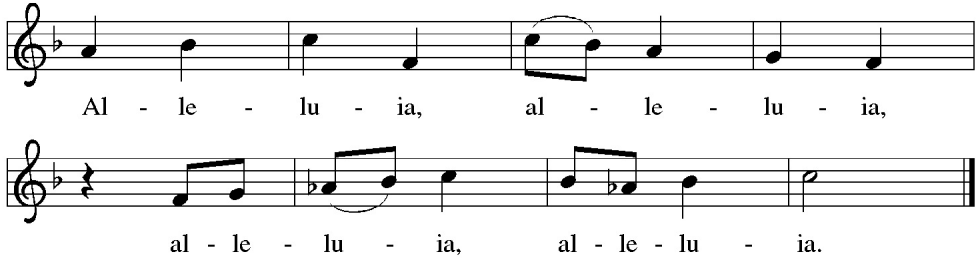
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY *We gather and center our hearts through prayer.*

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG.

READING Acts 10:44-48
After the reading:
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *We stand to welcome the gospel.*



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GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17
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.

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WORD SONG **You Are the Way** (ELW#758)

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.*

CHOIR

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 **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing** (ELW#393)

STOW *We "stow" God's Word in our heart for the week.*
God sets right all who welcome his action and enter into it...
But by shifting our focus from what we do to what God does, don't we cancel out all our careful keeping of the rules and ways God commanded?
Not at all.
What happens, in fact, is that by putting that entire way of life in its proper place, we confirm it.
Romans 3:30a, 31

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

POSTLUDE **Lead On, O King Eternal** arr. A. Jordan

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TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

Altar Care: Dennis Betts
Lay Assistant: Neal Goldsworth
Reader: Don Solar
Refreshments: Nancy Platt and Jaden Linn
Usher: Dennis Betts