



**Cultivating Compassion:
Do Not Judge,
Be Selective,
and Believe**

Jesus instructs us not to judge one another. Following this ever-challenging advice will help us find the loving ways of God.

Today's Cantor:
Bruce Gaard

As Jesus did,
we welcome children
of all ages as integral members
of the body of Christ, and
we welcome the sounds and activity
that accompany them!

Thank you
Parents/Grandparents
for bringing your children
to worship!

Welcome!

In the midst of a confusing, complicated world, how do we find our way? There is too much along the road demanding our energy, creating stress, and muddling up our journey. How do we find our own individuals ways, every day? And how do we find our way together, during this time of transition as the faith community called 'Easter?' Join us over the next many months while the Gospel of Matthew is our guide. Matthew will teach us how to watch for signs of the redefining, myth-busting, dream-catching power of God. Together we will work to find our way.

For families of children 5 and under, you are invited to find a Spark Box outside the worship space for your child to play. More wiggles? The nursery is available for 3 and under.

Thank you for joining us today. We welcome you! You are also invited to take an Announcements sheet here at Easter, or visit easter.org for events & activities (Announcement sheets are posted weekly under Events & News).



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February 10, 2019
8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter Lutheran Church

"to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ"

Prelude: "Sonata I in C major: I. Allegretto" - J.C. Bach

Ben Kornelis, piano

Video: ?????

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of grace, to you our hearts are open. We can hide no secrets from you. Free our hearts from sin and send your Spirit to refresh our minds. We want to completely love you. We wish to follow your ways.

C: Amen.

P: Let us stand together in our brokenness, asking God to help us find our way. Loving God,

C: forgive us. We admit that we have forgotten our way. We have been distracted, selfish, and unkind. We have forgotten to care for others and the earth. We stick to the familiar paths of ignorance and greed, rather than building a new path of love. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, refresh us, and guide us so that we may find delight in your Word and walk in your ways. Amen.

P: Our God, who abounds in love, makes us alive in Christ over and over again. You have been forgiven by the grace of Jesus. May God strengthen your hearts and minds as you work to find God's way.

C: Amen

The Sharing of the Peace is a way of demonstrating hospitality and grace with others. Please understand if some people choose not to shake hands while sharing the Peace for health reasons, but simply greet you with a smile.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn: "God Is Here!"

Hymnal #526

All hymns can be found in the red book under the chairs

Greeting:

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

S 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

Refrain S 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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Canticle of Praise:

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slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

God of grace, be with us as we find our way. We were made to love you and to love our neighbors; remind us of this mission today. Help us be like you: filled with compassion and generosity. Guide our days, loving God, in your holy name we pray, Amen.

Anthem: (10:00)

"I Will Love You, Lord " - Wilkinson

Cherub Choir
Ginny Blood, director

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Word

Children's Message

JAM Kids! You can go to the Fellowship Hall now to join your Small Group. Have fun learning about Jesus!

Lesson: Psalm 37: 16-18 (NRSV)

Better is a little that the righteous person has than the abundance of many wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

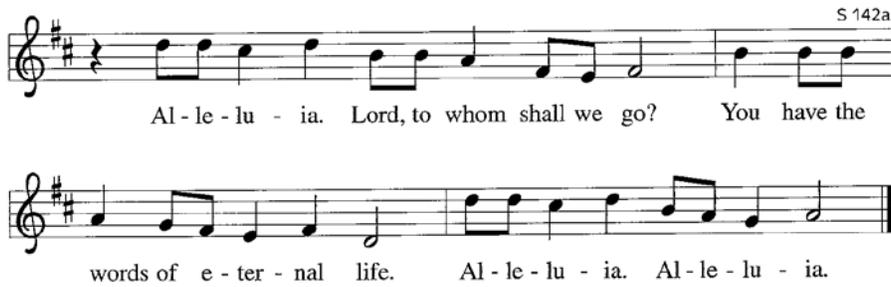
The Lord knows the days of the blameless, and their heritage will abide forever;

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

S 142a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 7: 1-11 (NRSV)

Jesus said, “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. “Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

L: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Angela Denker

Hymn of the Day: *“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”*

Hymnal #659

“Father” is a specific and accessible image of God that Jesus gave us. Jesus did not limit God to this image. References to God as Creator, Parent, Mother, Counselor can be equally as helpful and valid.

Another translation of ‘catholic church’ is ‘church universal’

The offering is an act of worship. We give ourselves, our time and resources as a symbol of our love and appreciation for God’s grace, and our investment in God’s work through this church.

Text-to-Give

Simply send a text message to **651-419-3775** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and thank you for supporting the ministries of Easter Lutheran Church.

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

Each prayer petition will conclude:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

Offering of Gifts

Offering Hymn: *“If You But Trust in God to Guide You”*

Hymnal #769

Presentation: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Hymnal #885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

God of all vision, we thank you for these gifts that we now return to you.

We lift up our worship, our brokenness, our relationships, our callings, and our hope to you. Use Easter Lutheran Church to be a powerful presence of your grace. In your loving name we pray, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves are continuous.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Children who have received instruction are welcome to commune.

Communion today is by intinction - the dipping of the wafer in the wine. Please come to one of the stations, as directed.

Gluten-free wafers are at the back of the sanctuary near the sound booth.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

S 146

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 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymnal #471

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

Hymnal #658

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song: "Song of Hope"

May the God of hope go with us ev-ery day, fil-ling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of jus-tice speed us on our way, bring-ing light and hope to ev-ery
land and race. Pray-ing, let us work for peace; sing-ing, share our joy with all;
work-ing for a world that's new, faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984

MUSIC (ARGENTINA 11.11.11.11 with refrain): Argentine folk melody

Dismissal

Postlude: "Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht ("Neuverfertigtes Gesangbuch,") - arr.

Marpurg

Ben Kornelis, organ

Did you pick up your Announcements?

The Announcements tell you what's going on at Easter in the coming weeks. They can be found at the doors to the sanctuary. Check it out!

Visit easter.org for details

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