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#### GATHERING

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

Gathering Hymn ACS #957 | Take Me to the Water (end of bulletin)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

I ask you 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 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.

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.

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 ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Arthur Michael, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray ... the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized. 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.

## 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

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

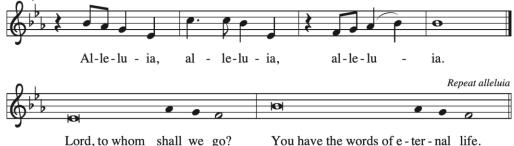
#### WORD

Young People's Message | Pastor Mark Kvale

Lessons | Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21

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

# Gospel Acclamation



# Gospel | John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John... Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 1"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

Sermon | Pastor Mark Kvale

Hymn of the Day ELW #403 | Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (end of bulletin)

## Prayers of The People

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

# 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:



#### Words of Institution

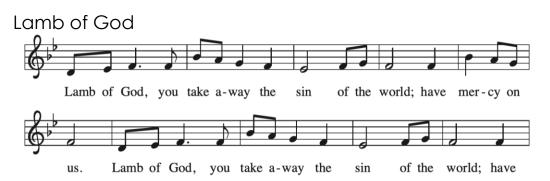
During the Words of Institution, we invite you to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is 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.



#### 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.





Communion Hymns (last pages of bulletin)

ELW #359 Where Charity and Love Prevail | ELW #770 Give Me Jesus

#### 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** 

# Benediction/Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.** 

Sending Song ELW #881 | Let All Things Now Living (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.



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offerings in April are designated for The Good Fight. The Good Fight's charitable mission is to provide at-risk and disadvantaged youth with hope, encouragement, and a safe environment to develop personal goals, discipline, and values free from juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, truancy, crime gang activities, and other difficult challenges. Learn more at the good fight. club.

**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.

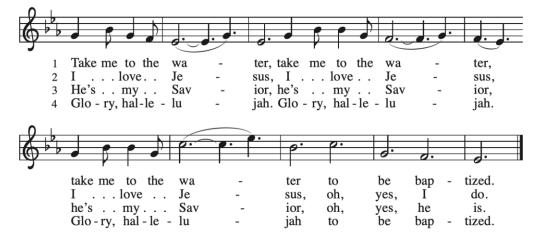
Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.

**ARTHUR MICHAEL BRUESS**, son of Carson and Megan, will be received into the Christian Church in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:30 service today. Arthur's sponsors are Casey Kriewald and Spencer Bruess. Welcome to our church community, Arthur!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given in honor of our 2024 Confirmation Class, affirming their faith at the 10:45 service: Luke Adams, Aiden Beier, Kaitlyn Borge, Alivia Dickinson, Alexa Duncanson, Isaac Gabriel, Ireland Johnson, Evelyn McCoy, Olivia Passehl, Lydia Rislow, Madelyn Young

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our students receiving their First Communion at our 8:30 worship service this weekend, Claire & Simon Ailabouni.

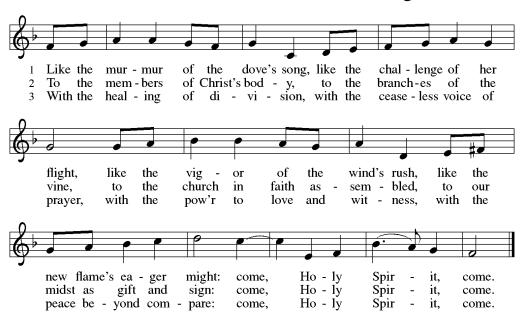
#### Take Me to the Water



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Music: TAKE ME TO THE WATER, African American spiritual

# Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

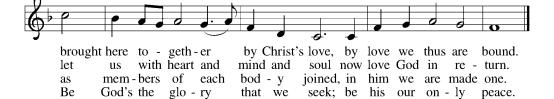


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## Where Charity and Love Prevail



- and love pre vail, Where char - i - ty there God ev - er found; is
- With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- Let us re-call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let for - give each oth - er's faults we our own con-fess,



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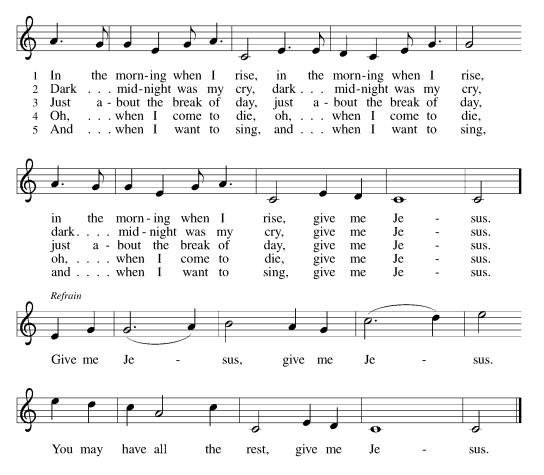
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Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842 Text © 1960 World Library Publications. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

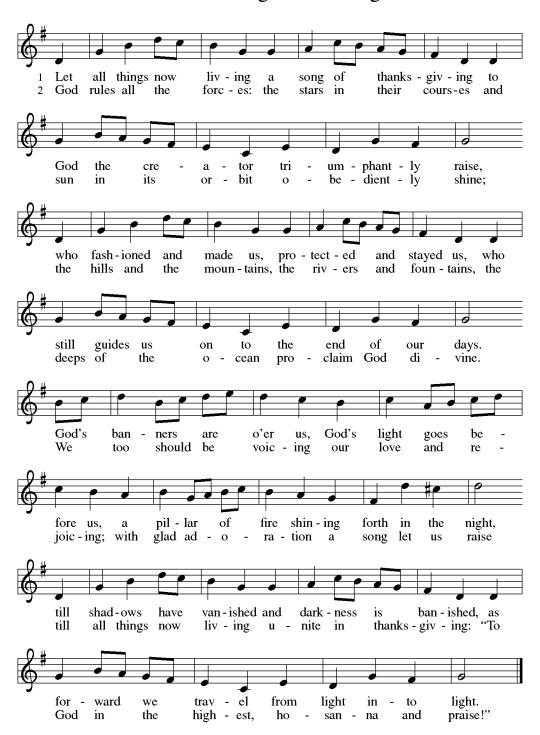
we may love each

# Give Me Jesus



Text: African American spiritual Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

# Let All Things Now Living



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.