

WELCOME to

Alamance Lutheran Church

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. – Thurs. 9:00a – 12:00p
and by appointment

If you are a guest with us today, please sign the guest registry located in the narthex as you enter the sanctuary.

Restrooms are located near the church office and are accessed via the hallway out the front right hand door of the sanctuary or around the outside ramp.

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GENERAL WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 Contemporary Worship

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

For a complete calendar of events, please see our monthly newsletter or our website.

Large Print Bulletins Are Available

Call the church office and request one in advance.

Bulletins can be accessed from our

website, www.alamancelutheran.org, on the “Publications” page for viewing on your mobile device.

As Lutherans we understand that in, with and under the forms of bread and wine, we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not pretend to understand how this can be, we trust only in the promises he made—“this is my body...” and “this is my blood” Matthew 26, Mark 13, Luke 22, and I Corinthians 11. **If you are visiting with us, you are welcome to receive this gift with us.** We offer either wine or grape juice for those who prefer it. The pre-filled glasses contain juice. Our Communion bread is gluten-free.

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Welcome to worship today! We are glad you are here! Pastor Ron would like all worshippers to sign the "Record of Fellowship" book found at the end of each pew. Please update your contact information and inform him of your prayer concerns and requests for pastoral visits. Thank you!

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

STRING PRELUDE (10:25am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (10:30am)

HANDBELL PRELUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"
The Alamance Ringers

Setting by David Burroughs

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Please stand as you are able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Eternal God our creator,

C **in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 641 (Red Hymnal)

"All Are Welcome"

APOSTOLIC GREETING

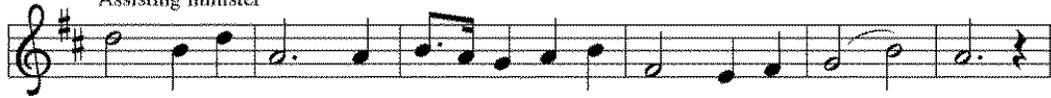
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

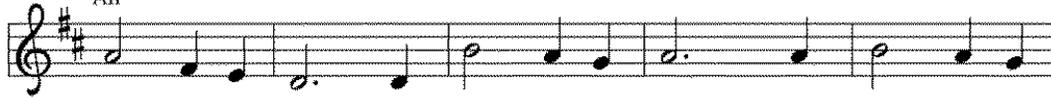
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Assisting minister



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

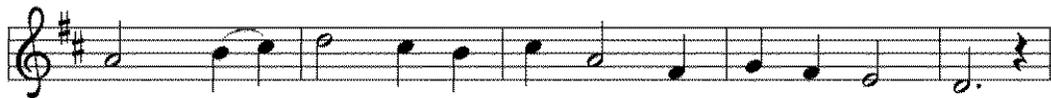
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1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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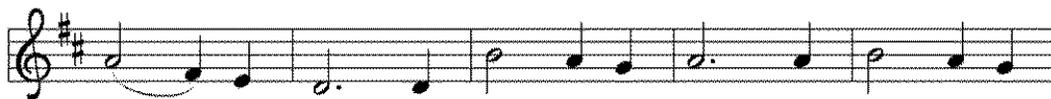


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

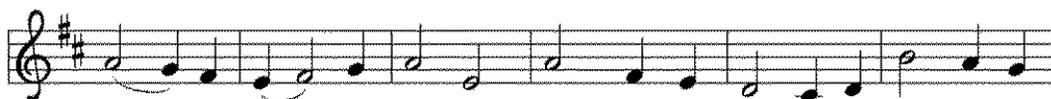
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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

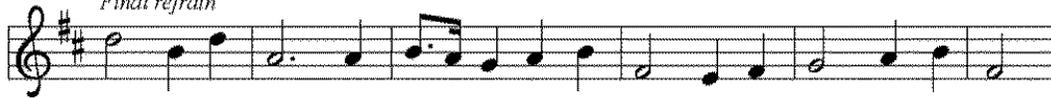


hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE FOR ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

THE WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

L: The Word of the Lord,

P: Thanks Be To God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Let All the World Rejoice”

Words and music by Joseph M. Martin

Praise to the Lord, all people adore Him.

Praise to the Lord, ye heavens above.

Let all the world resound with thanksgiving.

Let all the nations give honor and glory to God.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

L: The Word of the Lord,

P: Thanks Be To God.

The congregation stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark (9:30-37).

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated for the sermon.

SERMON

Rev. Sara Ilderton, *Assistant to the Bishop of the NC Synod*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What Do I Know of Holy”

Words and music by Rogers and Simmons

Katie Rose Crane, *Soloist*, Juan Alcantar, *Cello*

I made You promises a thousand times.

I've tried to hear from heaven, but I talked the whole time.

I think I made You too small.

I never feared You at all, no.

If You touched my face would I know you, looked into my eyes could I behold You?

What do I know of You who spoke me into motion?

Where have I even stood, but the shore along Your ocean?

Are You fire? Are You fury? Are You sacred? Are you beautiful?

So, what do I know of holy?

A brief period of silence for reflection follows the special music. Please stand for the Apostles' Creed.

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

A Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power of your word. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom and discernment as they seek to make your church the community for which you long. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Creative God, blue whales and honeybees sing the goodness of the earth. Glaciers and deserts declare your greatness. Make us good stewards of our home for the generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign God, you raise up governments to protect the widow and orphan. Bless citizens with wisdom and discernment as they choose leaders. Inspire leaders to always seek the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Loving God, you desire health and wholeness. Reconcile the conflicts and disputes among us. Teach us to heal the trauma of racism and poverty. Break our hearts open to all those who suffer and mourn, especially **Jerry Combs, Bucky Fogleman, Ruth Gaines, Melba Iwaniec, MaryBeth Milling, Jim Phelps, Carolyn Pickard, Tony Solazzo, Helen Stokes, Jennifer Rust Abbas, Terry Adams, Elmer Bachlund, Andrew Brunson, Debbie Clark, Efran Cruz, Lawrence Edwards, Harold Griffin, Max Hall, Will Haverfield, Cheryl Lauzau, Carla Oakley, Jill Page, Raymond Petrea, Rachel Sharpe, Billy Slaughter, John Sotak, Marlene Sullivan, Gail Whitesell, Rick Williams, Mitch, and Annabelle.** Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Welcoming God, you place children among us. Teach us to honor the children in our midst and to pay attention to what they can teach us about who you are. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A You surround us with a cloud of witnesses who announce the good news of abundant life to a sad and needy world. We pray especially for the witness of Ronnie Kirkpatrick. Make us a pilgrim people, always telling the story of your lovingkindness. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Worshippers may exchange the peace of the Lord. Please be seated after the sharing of the peace.)

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING AND SETTING OF THE TABLE

Please rise.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

ELW 512

“Good Soil”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

C Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

“Come to Me”

Words and music by Sandra McCracken and Matt Swaim

(Solo on verses, all sing chorus, Words of Institution spoken over interlude after second chorus)

CHORUS (ALL):

1. Come to me Walk with me Learn the rhythms of my grace

Come to me I have all you need Learn to rest even while you are awake

*Verse 1 (Solo): Are you tired? Are you worried?
Worn out from the day?
Have you been in a hurry?
I will slow the pace.*

CHORUS (ALL)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P 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 in 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 in remembrance of me.

CHORUS (ALL)

*Verse 2 (Solo): Are you searching for meaning?
Have you lost the truth?
On what rock are you leaning?
I will give you hope.*

CHORUS (ALL)

Ending (Solo): Come to me, Come to me, Come to me...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
 C **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.**
 P Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated. All baptized Christians are invited to share in the gift of Holy Communion with this congregation. The Baptismal font is open and available for those who wish to remember their Baptism by tracing the sign of the cross in water on their forehead prior to kneeling for Holy Communion. Worshippers are invited to approach the altar using the center aisle and kneel or stand at the kneeling rail on their side of the sanctuary before returning to their seats using the outside aisles. Communion will be brought out to those who are unable to approach the altar. Empty cups taken from the cup tray will be filled with red wine from a pouring chalice. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the center of the cup tray in prefilled cups and our Communion bread is gluten-free.

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, grant us peace.

ELW 583

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

“Take Forgiveness”

Words and music by Steve Mills and Joel Weldon Hendrickson

After all have communed, please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

ELW 855

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

HOMECOMING LUNCHEON BLESSING

DISMISSAL

A We are called to serve.

C **So let's go out and do it!**

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a covered dish luncheon immediately after the service in the fellowship hall.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Worship Assistant: Marilyn Adkins

Lector: Heidi Hollingsworth

Acolyte: Saffie Hollingsworth

Communion Setup: John Ritchey

Communion Cleanup: Jim and Bonnie Clinton

Lockup Duty: Jim Clinton



“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37