



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter, Brooklyn Ashley, on her 21st birthday by Roy and Kay Cook.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Elaine Nocks
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Dean Nix
Cantors	Russ and Lani Wise
Prayers	Reid Tidwell
Acolytes	Adaline McCormack Harper Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Mark Allen Zerle Hubbard Jeff Roth
Greeters	Mark Allen Angie Hager Emily Hager Mary Beth Ridenhour Suzanne Rudisill Dora Welch
Ushers	Richard Delap Danny Fagala Lani Ludian David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	Roger Brown and David Foster
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✠ frees you from your sins.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has  
triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of  
angels loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory  
here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has  
triumphed! He is living!" Now still he  
comes to give us life and by his presence stills all  
strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, fill us Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above that we  
conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient  
for life's day that by our lives we truly  
say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has  
triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the  
Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy  
God, all the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## GREETING

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.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## *Refrain*



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

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

<sup>42</sup>The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.  
In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.**

A reading from first Peter.

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

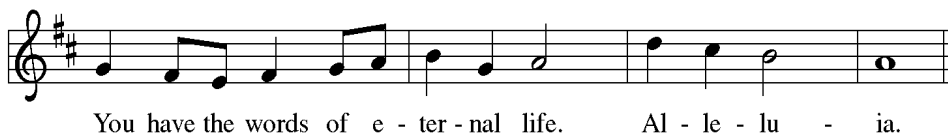
Patrick Preacher

*Please stand as able*

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 according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, who enters by that gate, calls the sheep, and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When all the sheep have come out of the sheepfold; the shepherd goes ahead of them. The sheep follow because they know the shepherd’s voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger but will run away because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

Elaine Nocks

*Please stand as able*

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and, injustice, white supremacy, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Bless the new birth in the world around us that the lambs, birds, pups, and all being born this Spring may live fully in the beauty of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. As we begin hearing and seeing election ads for 2024, bring us peace. Remind us that your church is not partisan, but is always political in its call for your justice. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. We pray that the 988 Mental Health Hotline here in South Carolina may be adequately staffed quickly and provide the support needed to all reaching out for help. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You shepherd those the world claims lost, but who in reality, have been locked out of certain pastures. Continue recreating your church to be a safe haven for the LGBTQIA+ community, those who suffer at the hands of racism, female identifying people still seeking safety and equity, and all who yearn for relief from poverty. Protect your flock from sinful legislation, oppressive systems, and supremacist attitudes. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Comfort and care for your flock, including the sick, those close to death, and those who carry unknown burdens. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

MEAL

OFFERING

*His Voice Is the Sound of the Dulcimer Sweet*

Adult Choir

Music: Southern Harmony, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

*Please stand as able*

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!** *Repeat*

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.** *Refrain*

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where!** *Refrain*

Let us pray, Generous God,  
**in this meal you offer your very self.**  
**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**  
**In the breaking of this bread**  
**reveal to us the Risen One.**  
**In the pouring of this wine**  
**pour us out in service to the world;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

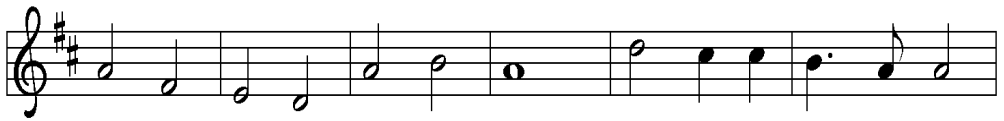
#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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 and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,  
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

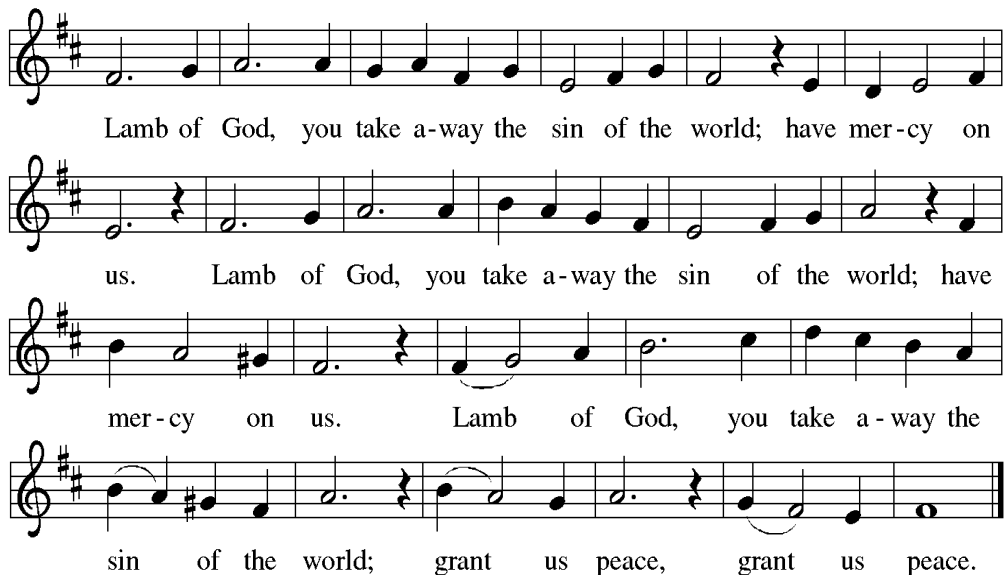
*Please be seated*

#### COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.*

*Worshippers will come forward to receive a wafer  
and a small cup of wine.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

*Shepherd Me, O God*

# 780

*Refrain*

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

***God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Refrain***

***Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. Refrain***

***Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,  
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. Refrain***

***You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,  
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. Refrain***

***Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;  
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. Refrain***



*Refrain*

***You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain***

**With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain***

**Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain***

**The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:  
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain***

**You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain***

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

#619

**I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort  
this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives  
eternally to save; he lives exalted,  
throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to  
guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to  
wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my  
troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives to bless me with his love; he lives  
to plead for me above; he lives my hungry  
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives  
and loves me to the end; he lives and while he  
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!**

**He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I  
shall conquer death; he lives my mansion  
to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior,  
still the same; what joy this blest assurance  
gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,  
his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the  
victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful  
Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus  
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in  
sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes,  
nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received  
him when the forty days were o'er, shall our  
hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our  
food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to  
you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of  
sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the  
songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent  
we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your  
footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you  
entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,  
his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the  
victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful  
Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus  
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

#383

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the dessert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!**

## DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back of the Gym  
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

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