



## WELCOME FAMILIES!

We are glad that you are worshiping with your children and want you to feel welcome.

There is a “**Pray Ground**” for quiet play in the front right of the sanctuary. We ask that families stay with their little ones and try to keep noise to a minimum.

If you or your little one needs “a break” or “louder play”, there is an “**Active Worship**” room on the West side of the sanctuary. You can see and hear the service from this room.

## GATHERING



The Holy Spirit gathers us together during this time of worship

# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Unless I See

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*Inviting All to Live the Gospel through Faith, Love, and Compassion*

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## Welcome to Family of Christ

You are welcome to participate in worship this morning  
the way you feel comfortable.

**All Are Welcome, No Exceptions!**

**Everybody Is Somebody Here**

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Christ *is* risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What’s the proof? Is Resurrection real?

**Within our questioning, Christ appears.**

We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ’s resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

**Within our certainty, Christ appears.**

Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God’s salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

**We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

**"Thine Is the Glory"**

**ELW #376**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us make our confession, before God and each other,

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,**

**The prejudice that impedes us,**

**The ignorance that hinders us,**

**The doubt that plagues us.**

**Help us, we pray, that we will**

**Find courage in unlikely places,**

**Move to those places where love is needed,**

**And have faith that you are with us.**

**This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

ELW #857

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of the risen Jesus,

**We praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen.**

All young and young at heart  
are invited forward during the  
Children's time.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Fruit of the Spirit"

### FIRST READING:

Psalm 16

*Congregation Read Bold Text*

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones  
in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;[b]  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING:

**John 20:19-31**

### THE WORD

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



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### THE MEAL

God feeds us with the  
forgiveness and presence of  
Christ.

All are invited to receive  
these gifts of God.

No Exceptions!

Children are welcome to  
come forward and receive  
communion or a blessing  
and Goldfish Crackers



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON

**Pastor Brent Erler**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Walk by Faith"

**ELW # 635**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in Your Mercy

C: Hear our prayer

HOLY COMMUNION

## THE SENDING

We are blessed and sent out into the world to share God's Love with all people.



## THE 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.

## BLESSING

### PRAYER OF GOOD COURAGE

Lord God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden,  
through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us  
and your love supporting us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

ELW #382

## SENDING

## POSTLUDE

*A special **Thank You** to the Sunday School Kids who provided  
Special Music for us today!*

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### Serving Today

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Musician

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Sound and Video

Gerry & Cheryl Wills

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